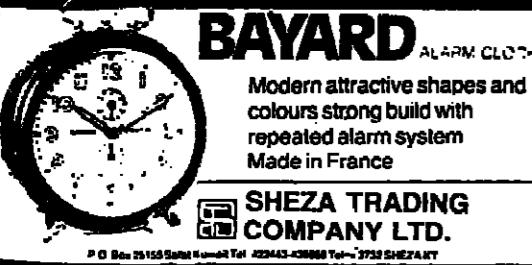


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## International conference can only solve Middle East crisis

KUWAIT, Feb 27. (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah welcomed the visit paid to Kuwait by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday, saying it came amid delicate circumstances passed by the Arab nation which call for intensive exchanges and consultations among Arab leaders in all matters of present and future interest.

The Crown Prince also praised the fraternal and close relations between Kuwait and Egypt, emphasising that these relations are excellent at the official and public levels.

### Intention

Sheikh Saad made the statements while receiving a delegation of editors of Egyptian papers at his diwan in Bayan Palace here this morning.

He expressed Kuwait's intention to further promote and develop these relations, starting in the conviction that "such operation will bring to the fraternal people more prosperity and welfare."

**Iussein in Brunei**  
MMAN, Feb 27. (Reuter): Jordan's King Hussein arrived in Brunei today on his way home from the funeral of Japan's Emperor Hirohito in Tokyo, the official news agency Petra said.

Said Sultan Sir Muda Hassil Bolkiah, Brunei's head of state, met the King at the airport.

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## Mubarak leaves after two days of talks

KUWAIT, Feb 27. (AP): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak left for Cairo today after two days of talks here on Middle East issues, possible Kuwaiti financing for Egyptian development projects like deepening the Suez canal and the newly formed Arab Co-operation Council (ACC).

Mubarak arrived in Kuwait yesterday on his way back to the Tokyo funeral of Emperor Hirohito.

On the Arab-Israeli peace process, a senior Egyptian official said Mubarak has rescinded an offer to travel to Israel.

"President Mubarak has changed his mind after (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Shamir refused to pay any price for the visit by saying Israel will not attend an international peace conference on the Middle East."

## Sudanese premier threatens to quit

KHARTOUM, Feb 27. (UPI): Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi said today he will resign unless he receives a pledge of support from his rebellious military, which was stung by reports of its worst defeat yet at the hands of southern rebels.

Sadiq, facing a Monday deadline from the military to reform and moderate his government, appealed for more time in a speech to Parliament and said he would resign on Sunday unless he receives a pledge that the military will support his rule.

Hours later, the rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) proclaimed the capture after a two-day battle of the key regional capital of Torit, handing the military one of its most humiliating losses of the five-year-old war.

Tension was high in Khartoum because of the military deadline, with soldiers stopping cars at all entries to the city and searching for weapons. Sources

said the military high command was meeting to decide its next move.

The armed forces, suffering a series of stinging losses to the Christian-led rebels, handed Sadiq an ultimatum last week demanding that he take steps to secure more arms and rebuild his government to admit moderate parties seeking peace with the SPLA.

Defence Minister Abdul Magid Hamid Khalil resigned a day earlier complaining the growing power of the National Islamic Front (NIF), a fundamentalist junior partner in Sadiq's coalition.

In his dramatic speech to Parliament, Sadiq asked the military to give him an undertaking not to mount a coup, and for labour unions to promise not to strike while he works to resolve the nation's problems. Unless those undertakings are given by Sunday, he said, he will quit on that day.

**Prevent**

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Underground leaders of the 14-month-old uprising against Israeli rule in the territories are calling a general strike for election day.

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A total Arab boycott could cost Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek his majority on the city council, although he is assured of

## Iran asks Soviets to press Iraq for troop pullback

NICOSIA, Feb 27. (Reuter): Iran asked the Soviet Union today to promote peace in the Gulf by pressing Iraq to pull its remaining troops out of Iranian territory.

Tehran Radio said President Ali Khamenei made the call in a meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze on the last day of a Middle East tour.

It said both spoke of a turning point and bright prospects for Iran-Soviet relations.

Khamenei told Shevardnadze Iraq's reluctance to pull back its forces from Iran underlined chances for peace.

### Talks

"Iran must be pressed if peace in the region is desired and necessary, and we tell your government to exert this pressure more than anyone else," Tehran Radio quoted him as saying.

The radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Shevardnadze as telling Khamenei he had held lengthy talks with the Iraqis in

which they declared their determination for progress in peace talks."

Shevardnadze discussed Gulf peace with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on Friday. He said then that Moscow would do its best to move the stalled peace talks forward.

Moscow has a treaty of friendship with Baghdad and was its main arms supplier during the eight-year war — a fact that strained its relations with Tehran before a ceasefire ended fighting last August.

**Closer**

With Iran embroiled in a diplomatic row with the West over death threats to British author Salman Rushdie, the Soviet Union is in a unique position to influence the stalled peace talks.

Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday endorsed closer relations with Moscow during an unprecedented meeting with the Soviet minister.

**Amiri donation for Faw**

BAGHDAD, Feb 27. (OPECNA): HH the Amir of Kuwait has donated \$10 million towards the reconstruction of the southern Iraqi terminal port of Faw which was devastated during the Gulf war, it was announced here yesterday.

Iraq plans to spend billions of dollars on the reconstruction of Faw under a national campaign launched late last year.

## Israel seals off West Bank and Gaza

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Feb 27. (Reuter): The Israeli Army ordered the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip sealed off tonight to prevent unrest from spreading to Israel during local elections on Tuesday.

The 22-hour closure, starting at midnight, follows the stabbing of an Israeli border policeman and the shooting by soldiers of at least 17 Palestinian protesters.

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A Palestinian youth aims his slingshot at approaching Israeli soldiers during a clash in West Bank. (Reuter wirephoto)

a landslide re-election in the direct ballot for mayor in the West Bank, a para-military border policeman was stabbed in the back and shoulder while patrolling in Al Birsh market, an Army spokesman

said. He was taken to hospital with light to moderate injuries.

Palestinians said troops shot and wounded 16 other protesters in Halhoul in the West Bank and in Khan Younis and Jabalya and Shati refugee camps in Gaza.

### Major policy shift

## Kuwait may end free services

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT is redefining its concept of the super-welfare state in a major policy shift that could put an end to many government services now provided free of charge, and drastically alter the character of the expatriate labour market.

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## INTERNATIONAL

### Egypt and Israel sign Taba accord

TABA: Feb 27. (AP): Israel and Egypt signed a historic agreement last night that will turn this small corner of desert over to Egyptian sovereignty and end a seven-year border dispute.

Israeli and Egyptian negotiators joined American mediators in expressing hope that future disputes between Israel and its Arab neighbours could be solved through negotiations.

"A new chapter is starting and we sincerely hope it will lead to the road of a comprehensive peace," said Egypt's chief negotiator Nabil El Araby.

His Israeli counterpart, Foreign Ministry Director-General Reuven Merhav added, "it is a splendid example and a shining beacon of hope. We in Israel believe negotiations are the only possible path to peace."

American mediator Abraham Sofaer said: "Negotiations can be difficult but... negotiations can nevertheless work."

The agreement calls for Israel's withdrawal from the 250-acre resort area by March 15. The area includes a luxury hotel and a beach resort.

A key point of the accord approved yesterday will allow Israelis to visit the resort for up to 14 days without visas or special entry fees. Israel will also continue supplying water and electricity to the resort area.

### Malaysian rulers to elect king

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 27. (AP): In the only election of its kind in the world, the nine state rulers of Malaysia go to the polls Wednesday to elect by secret ballot one of their number to be king for a five-year term.

Because the rulers follow an established practice in rotating the office among them, government officials, politicians and diplomats are predicting confidently that Sultan Azlan Shah, who is the present deputy king, will be elected the next king.

They also say the ruler of Negri Sembilan Sultan Tuanku Jaafar Abdul Rahman, 67, will likely be elected the deputy king.

The present king is Sultan Mahmood Iskandar of Johore, state.

Sultan Azlan, 60, is the ruler of Perak state, the world's richest tin mining area. He passed his law examinations in England before engaging in a long career in the legal service. He was lord president of the Supreme Court, the highest ranking judge in Malaysia, before ascending the Perak throne in February 1987.

The sources, said so far the rulers have never deviated from the practice of electing the deputy king as the next king.



Roh Tae-Woo (left) makes a statement at the Blue House as Bush listens. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Show understanding, Benazir urges IMF

RAWALPINDI, Feb 27. (AP): Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said she made the most of diplomatic opportunities while she was in Tokyo for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito.

Benazir said she pressed the International Monetary Fund for understanding of Pakistan's economic problems, the United States for a reaffirmation of its support and the Japanese for increased trade.

Benazir said she squeezed in diplomatic meetings during the three days of funeral ceremonies last week.

At a news conference last night Benazir said she assured IMF chief Michel Camdessus of Pakistan's political will to tackle its \$12.4-billion foreign debt.

But she said she also warned Camdessus that "without political stability we cannot have economic growth."

Last December, Pakistan signed an agreement with the IMF for a \$1-billion loan to bolster its economy. When Benazir took over power last November, in Pakistan's first free elections in

more than a decade, she said she inherited an impoverished economy on the brink of bankruptcy.

The IMF loan reportedly calls for Pakistan to impose stiff austerity programmes and taxes.

#### Balance

Benazir said she told Camdessus, "we are balancing our books but understand" that the federal government has to guarantee a minimum of services to its people.

"There are pent up emotions" in Pakistan, she added, "because there is no stability."

Benazir inherited the IMF deal and a budget with a deficit of \$15.2 billion from a caretaker government loyal to Pakistan's late military ruler, President Gen Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Zia died last August in a mysterious plane crash that also killed the US ambassador and several high-ranking military officers.

Benazir also said she assured US President George Bush that Pakistan's nuclear programme was "exclusively for peaceful purposes."

### Afghans facing hardship

KABUL, Feb 27. (UPI): A combination of blizzards and guerrilla ambushes has blocked the two key supply routes into Kabul, creating severe hardships for the poorer inhabitants of the Afghan capital, residents and officials said.

#### Blockages

Government officials said the Salang Highway linking the Soviet Union and Kabul was cut by snowfall and there was no traffic from the eastern city of Jalalabad — the second supply route from Kabul and the key source of perishable goods — due to the ambushes.

### Dissidents held as Bush visits Seoul

## US troops to stay in S. Korea

SEOUL, Feb 27. (Reuters): A weary President Bush ended a grueling three-nation, five-day Asian trip today with a vow that US troops would remain on the divided peninsula "to deter aggression" from the communist North.

"As President, I am committed to maintaining American forces Korea and to support our mutual defence treaty," Bush said in a public reaffirmation of Washington's four-decade-old commitment to South Korean security.

The United States keeps some 43,000 troops in the country. Leftist groups are demanding the immediate withdrawal of the soldiers in part of a growing anti-Americanism spreading through the Northeast Asian country.

"Our soldiers and airmen are there...to deter aggression from the North," he told the South Korean National Assembly in the first major foreign address of his young presidency.

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Korean President's Blue House residence, then on to the National Assembly. A scheduled motorcade ride through Seoul was cancelled without explanation.

#### Arrest

Shortly after the President arrived in Seoul for a lightning five and one-half hour stopover, police outside the US embassy arrested 34 dissidents and students who fought running battles with riot police on a Seoul campus.

The crowd hurled firebombs, chanted anti-American slogans and burned effigies of the US leader and South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo. Police responded with a deluge of tear-gas. At least one policeman was injured in the two-hour clash.

Smaller similar demonstrations took place in at least five other South Korean cities.

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#### Protectionism

"Protectionism is fool's gold," a tired-looking Bush told the legislators in a speech boycotted by at least 10 members of the opposition.

"Let me be candid. I want you to hear this directly from me. If we are to keep our bilateral relationship growing even stronger, much more needs to be done, he said, waving his finger for emphasis.

"Protectionism may seem to be the easiest way out, but it is really the quickest way down," Bush lectured. Washington has repeatedly complained about what it regards as Seoul's overly restrictive trade policies.

The speech marked the last major event of a tiring Asian tour that was arranged around the

funeral last Friday of Japanese Emperor Hirohito. During his two-day stay in Tokyo, Bush met with various world leaders in a whirlwind round of funeral diplomacy.

After leaving Japan, Bush and his wife, Barbara, spent a nostalgic weekend in Beijing, where the President served as US envoy in 1974 and 1975.

During his quick stopover in Seoul, Bush also met South Korean opposition leaders, who expressed concern about the growing anti-Americanism on the peninsula.

Bush later left South Korea for home after a whirlwind five and one-half hour visit today.

Bush and Barbara walked to their plane as a Korean brass band played the national anthem.

The departure ended a three-nation Asian trip which began in Japan last Thursday and included a weekend visit to China.

### Army opens Beirut crossing

BEIRUT, Feb 27. (Reuters): Lebanese Army troops opened a scaffold route linking the two halves of central Beirut today, five years after it was shut by civil war violence.

Motorists ventured through the crossing point early in the morning after Army engineers — acting under an agreement between the country's rival Christian and Muslim governments — cleared it of land mines and the bushes which had grown since it last was used.

Local media hailed the opening of the port road as a step toward ending Lebanon's constitutional crisis.

Until now, Beirut residents wishing to move between the Christian and Muslim sides of the 10 km long Green Line had to use the museum crossing inland from the old city centre district.

The battlefront emerged at the start of the civil war in 1975 and its crossings have been at the mercy of rival militias. The port crossing was closed in 1984.

The Lebanese Forces (LF), a hardline Christian militia withdrew from a nearby dock at the official Beirut port last week.

Troops loyal to Army commander Major-General Michel Aoun, who heads a mainly Christian military government in East Beirut, battled the LF in Christian areas earlier in the month.

### Childbirth kills 500,000 women in Third World

MANILA, Feb 27. (Reuters): About 500,000 women die in childbirth in poor countries every year, compared to 6,000 in developed nations, the World Health Organisation said today.

More than 99 per cent of maternal deaths occur in developing countries, where the risk of dying in childbirth is 100 to 200 times higher than in industrial nations. WHO's Manila regional headquarters said in a press statement.

The recently published 1988 World Health Statistics Annual showed a correlation between a high maternal mortality rate and high fertility, it said.

Most Third World maternal deaths can be prevented through family planning, prenatal and other health care costing only two dollars per capita a year, WHO said.

#### Explosion

AKRON, Feb 27. (AP): A train derailment caused an explosion and fire involving four tanker cars, forcing the evacuation of thousands of people from a residential and industrial area near downtown last night, authorities said.

No injuries were immediately reported.

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## Gulf tyres project shelved

THE proposed Gulf tyre project is to be shelved due to insufficient securities from Arab Gulf states, according to Dr Abdullah Al Mi'ejel, the Secretary-General of the Gulf Industrial Consultations Organisation.

The committee concluded that the project will not be profitable without getting adequate protection and support from the states of the area.

### Concept

The organisation adopted the concept of establishing a Gulf company to produce tyres two years ago. The preliminary costs of the project were estimated at \$50 million.

The committee's contacts with the ministries of industry in the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) received a poor response.

Additionally, it also received adverse reactions from the international investment companies. The committee was obliged to co-operate with an international company to obtain necessary experience for the project on the basis of a 40 per cent capital participation, Mi'ejel said.

## Five years for drug smuggling

TWO Turks were sentenced to five years in jail each, to be followed by deportation and both fined KD10,000, including KD5,000 custom duties, a local daily reported.

The defendants, one working as a bus driver and the second the bus owner, were found guilty by Kuwait's Criminal Court on charges of attempting to smuggle 270,000 narcotic pills into the country.

The accused were apprehended by customs men of Abdali Border Centre.

## Aziz in Bahrain on official talks

MANAMA, Feb 27, (KUNA): Iraqi Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz arrived here today on an official visit to Bahrain.

He will convey a message from President Saddam Hussein to the Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Gulf News Agency said that the message deals with the establishment of Arab Co-operation Council which includes Iraq, Egypt, Jordan and Yemen.

Bahrain is heading the current ninth session of the Gulf Co-operation Council while Iraq will chair the first Arab Co-operation Council session.

## Food imports

A TOTAL of 413,998 tons of foodstuff were imported by Kuwait last year, according to an official source at Kuwait Municipality.

From the above, 3,198 tons were found inedible, 1,712 tons were destroyed and 1,486 tons were returned to the country of origin.

The Chemical and Microbiology Laboratory tested 21,926 imported samples of which 357 were found defective. The laboratories also tested 5,159 local samples of which 80 were inedible.

Foodstuff inspectors at the Municipality confiscated about 7,374 tons of foodstuff from a local market, the source said.

## Brainstorming session

A PRESS release from the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training said that the College of Health Sciences, Department of Nursing was privileged. Thursday, Feb 23rd to hold a "Brainstorming" session with Dr Betty Neuman.

Neuman is currently in Kuwait serving as a consultant to various nursing groups. She is an internationally known nursing theorist, educator and author.

The Neuman system's model is the framework that will serve as the basis for the new curriculum which the Department of Nursing will initiate in the fall 1989/1990 semester.

## 15 new schools in 1989-90

SAUD Al Zayed, Director of the Construction Department at the Ministry of Education, said that the ministry will receive 15 new schools from the 21 schools being constructed during the 1989/1990 academic year.

These comprise six kindergartens, four primary, one intermediate and four secondary schools.

The ministry has air-conditioned restaurants, waiting halls and libraries in 494 schools and kindergartens. A total of 28 schools are being air-conditioned and 27 others will be similarly equipped this year, Zayed said.



The eight-man team which will take part in the run.

## Cross-border run to save wildlife

By Lima Al Khalafawi

AN eight-member team of athletes from the Messilah Beach Hotel Recreation Club will run across Kuwait from the Iraqi border to the Saudi border on Friday, March 3, 1989. The run, sponsored in part by the Arab Times, will link the borders of Kuwait along a 246 kilometre route. Proceeds raised from the event will go towards the preservation of wildlife.

The runners will arrive at Messilah Beach Hotel at around 12 noon on Saturday, where they will be met by spectators for a ten-minute break, before continuing on to the Saudi border another seven hours' run away. This event marks the first time a team has attempted to run the entire length of the country. The route follows main roads along the coast and for safety reasons, the runners will be wearing fluorescent arm bands.

Organisers hope the run, originally planned for National Day weekend but postponed due to traffic, will be a success. If it is, they say, it might be held every year.

The first stage of the run, scheduled to begin at midnight on Friday, will take about 16

hours. The participants will run relays of three kilometres, rotating turns running and riding along on a bus.

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Dr Ali Al Shamani (second right) and other dignitaries after the official opening.

## Islamic astronomers and scholars attempt to unify lunar calendars

By Jadranka Porter

A HUNDRED Arab astronomers and religious scholars gathered in Kuwait yesterday at the beginning of a three-day seminar, in an attempt to set a unified procedure to determine the beginning of each month in the lunar calendar.

### Procedure

Entitled, "Crescent Images and Astronomical Techniques," the seminar will discuss the lunar calendar from both the religious and scientific point of view and will use computers in the calculations, said the chairman of the organising committee Abbas Alkhan. Scientists and religious scholars are divided on the issue of methods, he said.

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Alkhan said he hoped the scientists and religious scholars would find a common language and agree on a common procedure to be followed by the entire Islamic world.

Twenty-seven papers have been prepared for the seminar,

out of which 12 will be presented and 15 will be distributed.

The seminar, organised jointly by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences and the science club under the patronage of HH the Amir, was opened by the Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Al Shamani. Shamani praised the scholars' efforts to unify the reading of the lunar calendar.

Common procedure is of particular importance in observing religious rituals such as fasting and the hajj, which are now strictly linked to the sighting of the moon. This means that Muslims begin fasting on different days depending upon when the moon has been sighted in their country.

Shamani said that such differences are at odds with the spirit of unity in Islam.

## THAILAND DIGEST

### Thailand launches campaign to attract more Gulf tourists

THE number of visitors to Thailand from the Gulf in particular and the Middle East in general has increased substantially over the last few months in view of Thai government's recent campaign to attract more tourists from the region.

For a long time now Thailand has been a popular tourist centre for all kinds of people around the world. Tourism is the country's major industry and the leading foreign exchange earner, drawing an average over three million tourists annually over the last five years.

### Lure

The Middle East has, in recent times, become a lucrative market for Thai tourism. Thailand initially came into the limelight for Arab travellers in the early Seventies during the oil boom. Since then Arab interest in this country has been increasingly strong. In 1988 92,940 people visited Thailand from the Middle East, including the Gulf, showing an increase of 5.69 per cent over the corresponding year. Middle Eastern visitors represented the fourth largest among visitors from around the world in 1988, after the US, Canada and Europe.

Eight months ago the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) opened a regional office in Bahrain in association with a leading local advertising company and launched a campaign to attract more Gulf travellers to Thailand.

Addressing a press conference on Sunday, Hodi Al Alawi said the campaign is aimed at attracting more families from the Gulf to visit Thailand. Although Thailand has traditionally been popular for the "bachelor tourists" it has a tremendous potential for the "family visitors" — offering an abundance of natural beauty, culture, sports and leisure amenities and an exquisite range of local products, he added.

### Challenge

He described efforts to promote Thailand among Gulf travellers as a major challenge particularly in view of the of the Yarmouth concept.

Plans are underway to highlight Thailand's growing reputation for its excellent health farms in order to attract potential Arab visitors to the country on health-cum-holiday visits.

In order to generate interest among Gulf travellers to visit Thailand, a number of low cost attractive package tours is being designed. In association with TAT regional office in Bahrain leading travel agents and tour operators are offering incentives which include exclusive deals at a low price for families in particular.

### Satisfaction

Meanwhile, a TAT delegation is currently in the Island in connection with the just concluded Bahrain Fair '89, where Thailand was represented by a stall selling a wide range of beautiful handicrafts. The delegation expressed satisfaction at the response of visitors for Thai products. Sales of Thai handicrafts and other exquisite items has been reported to be very good. The TAT stall, the biggest at the fair, attracted a considerable number of visitors from both Bahrain and other Gulf states.

1989 has been designated by the Thai government as the Year of Arts and Crafts' in Thailand. A major silk fashion show is scheduled for March in Bangkok and expected to draw a sizeable number of Arab and Gulf visitors.

## Bombay police arrest employment documents forger

NEW DELHI, Feb 27, (KUNA): Bombay police have arrested an illegal employment agent Babu alias "Mohammed Ali Abdul Qadar, who was supplying forged documents to Indian labourers seeking employment in the Gulf states.

At the Sheraton, Belgian manager William Meuree said it took two days of cleaning the rugs before the colours started to emerge from the dust.

The sign above the entrance hangs askew, and the acne of artillery hits across the front of the building is still visible under cement patches. Meuree said 130 out of the 210 rooms have been cleaned.

Visitors from Baghdad and Kuwait come for the weekend. Many want rooms looking out over three sunken freighters in the Shatt Al Arab, the estuary of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers that runs into the Gulf. At least 70 ships are stranded there.

"They're coming back slowly; it's not like before," said Sheraton bartender Khamis, who estimated he caters for 50 people every weekend night. "They come to enjoy themselves."

Down the road from the Sheraton, a new night club has opened. In the neighbourhood behind it, residents said virtually everyone who fled the shelling is back.

After receiving several complaints from people who had fallen prey to the cheat, the immigration officers at Sahar Airport kept a vigil at the airport today and checked out 84 passengers.

Qadar was immediately arrested and a raid on his residence revealed materials used in printing the forged documents including a few printing blocks.

## Arab Engineers Union remains united despite crises: official

THE Chairman of Arab Engineers Union Marwan Abdul Hameed said that the 18th conference of the union held in Kuwait recently was an occasion to evaluate and reconsider Arab engineering.

The Arab nation has suffered from serious crises such as civil wars, external wars and political disputes among Arab states after the 17th conference of the union that was held in Amman, the official said.

He added, despite these disputes the union succeeded in preserving its unity and national character. The union did not suspend its activities and projects during this period. He added that the most important professional event was the completion of a dictionary of scientific terms.

Kuwait Engineers Society has a main role in financing and printing the dictionary.

### Integration

Hameed stressed the importance of achieving engineering integration among Arab states. He added that a seminar organised by the Arab League in Tunis in 1981 showed that Arab countries spent about \$22 billion on consultative studies. Only 5 per cent of this amount went to Arab consultative offices. The danger is not only the spending of these big amounts on studies that are

made by foreign offices, but also because designs made by foreign offices meet needs of the foreign designer and not Arab specifications or styles, he said.

### Benefit

Hameed pointed out that there are 500,000 Arab engineers including agricultural engineers.

There are more than 5,000 Palestinian engineers working in the USA and large numbers of Arab engineers working in foreign countries but Arab states do not benefit from their abilities and experience, he said. The return of these engineers to Arab states and requires political decisions and freedom in the Arab world.

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## Kuwait's artificial limbs centre now handles all referred cases

to it and is also receiving cases from outside Kuwait.

The centre operates with a budget of about \$1.8 million and can provide artificial feet, arms, medical belts and shoes.

The centre extends services to the handicapped against symbolic payments. Nationals and expatriates who have spent more than five years in Kuwait are however offered free services — including periodic maintenance.

Out of the centre's 54 working staff, more than 40 per cent of administrators and 45 per cent of technicians are Kuwaiti nationals.

Twenty per cent of prostheses recipients are transferred to the centre from abroad upon recommendations from Kuwait's Foreign Ministry. Iraqi civilians have already arrived at the centre to receive needed services.

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## EVENTS

### WHAT'S ON

#### ARTS

##### Ghadir Gallery

UNTIL March 19: Recent paintings by British water colour artist Patricia Mills will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salhiya Complex, mezzanine, Gate 5, daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8.30 pm.

##### Sultan Gallery

AN exhibition of paintings by Bangladeshi artist Monirul Islam is open at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghaniya Bldg., Al Soor St., daily except Friday from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 8 pm.

#### MUSIC

##### Red Army Choir

MARCH 4/5: The Red Army Choir and dance ensemble will perform at the Andalus Cinema, presenting music, dance and ballet with a selection of folk dances. Cossack and Armenian; plus choral singing. Tickets available at the Andalus Box-Office.

#### EXHIBITION

##### Modern Kuwait

UNTIL March 8: A photography exhibition of "modern Kuwait" will be open from 8 am to 12 noon at the College of Commerce, Adeliya.

Video films to be shown during the exhibition are as follows:

Feb 28 (9 am and 11 am): Computers in Kuwait.

The documentaries will be shown at the Arts and Culture Department, College of Commerce.

#### SOCIAL

##### KAPILKU Night

MARCH 3: The KAPILKU Night at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Andalus Club, from 5 to 10 pm. A sing-alike contest and a singing competition will be held. Entrance — KD2. For details call Sarah Macarimbang. Tel: 4843447.

##### Danelli Rally

MARCH 3 (Friday): Danelli, the Danish association in Kuwait, will hold the annual family car rally. For details call Karen-Marie — Tel: 3715146.

##### Gala Dinner

MARCH 9: The Great Ormond Street Hospital Gala Dinner will be held at 8 pm. For details call 4331339, 5393151.

#### SPORTS

##### Kuwait Run

MARCH 3, (Friday): A team of eight runners will run from Abdali, the Iraqi border to Nuwaiseeb, the Saudi border. The 246 km run has been sponsored by the Messilah Beach Hotel and Arab Times. Come along and support the team. They will reach the Seif Palace at approximately 9 am and below the coast road to arrive at 11 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel; Fahheel along the Expressway at 1 am and then go on to Nuwaiseeb.

##### Mini Rugby

MARCH 3: Training game recommences on Friday at the Ahmadi ground; training starts at 10 am and mini-Rugby finishes at 11.30 am. For details call Hugh McAree — 5326368 or Geoff Bennett — 5332683.

##### Cricket Match with Veterans

MARCH 5: The Gulf Cricket League will hold a full-day cricket match for veterans at the EPI, Ardiya. Cricketers who played between 1950 and 1970 are eligible to participate. For registration and details call Sajid Raza 392-8493.

##### Raft Race

THE third Kuwait Annual Raft Race will be held on May 26. Mens/ladies/mixed and carnival events. This year's rules and regulations are available from the Messiah Beach Hotel. The first captains' meeting will be held at the hotel on March 7 (6.30 pm).

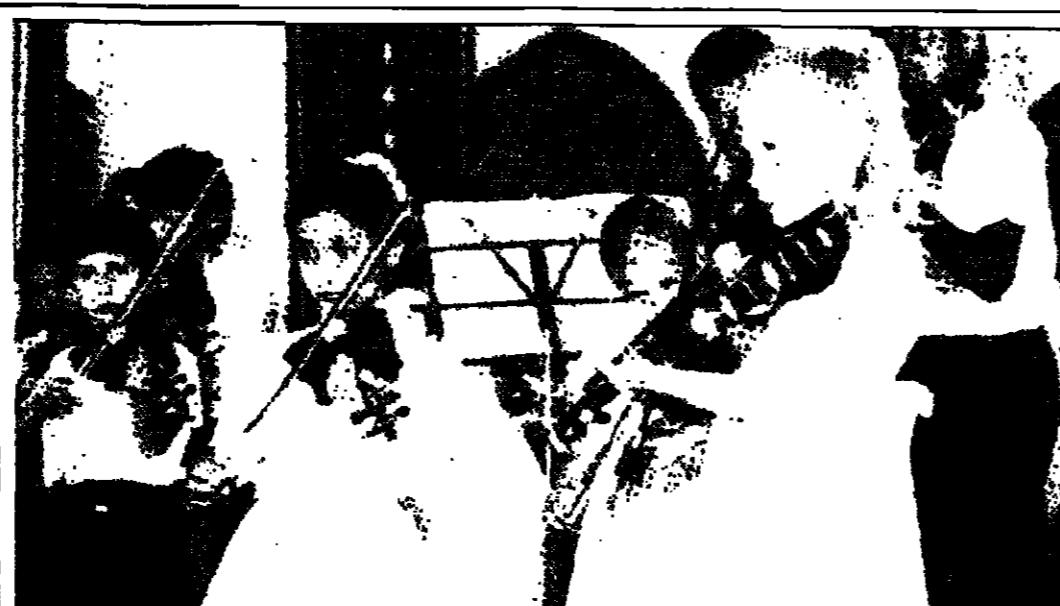
### KES: a decade in education

THE Kuwait English School (KES), Salwa, recently staged a spectacular show entitled "Ten Years On" to mark the first decade of its existence.

More than 200 students and staff took part in the show combining Western and Middle Eastern music. It was directed by the school's head of music and drama, Oliver Lister.

The KES' Junior and Senior Arab Choirs, directed by Richard Irzenksi, provided the Middle Eastern element which also featured Kuwaiti and Palestinian dancing.

The Assistant Under-secretary for Private Education Dr Yacoub Al Sharrah and Dr Rasha Al Sabah of Kuwait University attended the show.



Children rehearsing for the violin concert.



KES students performing a Palestinian dance.



Lufthansa German Airlines, Kuwait, recently held an inflight service presentation in the Gulf region at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel. The presentation was made by Gernot Huebl, regional manager, Gulf and Pakistan, and Peter Fellinger, representative Kuwait and area passenger sales manager. The latest developments in this field were updated. Above: Lufthansa officials seen at the presentation.



Kuwaiti officials pictured with school staff during the prize distribution ceremony.



The Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, last week held a cultural show to mark the Martyr's Day (Shaheed Dibosh). Students of Bangladesh School and local artists took part in the show. Bangladeshi Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin was the chief guest. Above: some of the artists singing a patriotic song.

### Prize distribution at Indian School

THE Indian School recently staged a variety show to mark the Kuwait National Day and the holding of their annual prize distribution ceremony.

The winners of annual contests in 1988 received their prizes from the Director of the Private Education Department, Abdullah Hamad Nasser Al Muhamma and the head of the administration division Sulaiman Ahmed Al Ridwan.

The Indian School, Abbasiya branch, won the Rolling Trophy Balaclava. Merit certificates and trophies were presented to individual winners of different branches.

The students put on a variety show featuring dances from Kerala, Punjab and Gujarat.

School director J.A.S. Newton welcomed the guests and Mrs K. Daniel proposed a vote of thanks.

### TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

#### KTV 1

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite  
4.45 Cartoon serial  
5.15 Tum Tek and Children  
5.45 Ibn Attiya: historical serial starring Majed Afouni, Shafiq Hasam, Marcel Marina and cartoons will also be shown.

7.00 News Summary  
7.15 Agricultural Magazine  
7.50 Li Kulli Sawal wa Jawaba: All Questions and Answers. Local talk show.

8.30 Good Evening  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Al Bahera Al Marrah: Arabic serial, starring Hasan Abideen, Ahmad Maher, Munia Jabar, Fatima Tabae, Mohammad Rida and Anwar Ismail.

10.50 Minal Alf Ila Alaya: variety show featuring Mahmood Yaseen. Part One. Hosted by Tareq Habib.

12.30 News Summary  
12.35 World News via Satellite/ Holy Quran/Closedown



William Conrad stars in Jake and the Fatman, tonight on KTV 2 at 10.30 pm.

Satellite/ Holy Quran/Closedown

#### KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Noveltoons: cartoon serial

6.30 Break Point: part 4 of series for young viewers.

7.00 A Finite World: "Mexico".

8.00 News in English

8.40 A Year in the Life: a family show starring:

Richard Kiley.  
9.40 The Hit Squad: "Catch it before it catches you" is the theme of this practical jokes series.

10.10 Bustin' Loose: "The Kindest Cut". Sunny and Rudy try to get rid of a guest Miami brings home.

10.30 Jake and the Fatman: "Rhapsody in Blues". Starring: William Conrad and Joe Penny.

11.30 News Summary followed by Magazine D'Actualite: Close-down

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

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### CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Gharam Al Afayi (Arabic)  
Starring: Laila Alwi, Sabrina, Salma Qabil, Hisham Abdul Hamid

Al Salimiya Closed

Al Hamra Cherry 2000  
Starring: Melanie Griffith, David Andrews

Drive-In Mo'arakah Al Nakib Nadiya (Arabic)  
Starring: Suhair Sabri, Karam Mutawa

Al Firdous Shoover (Hindi)  
Starring: Rajan Sippy, Mandakini

Fahheel Open-Air Khuda Kasam (Hindi)

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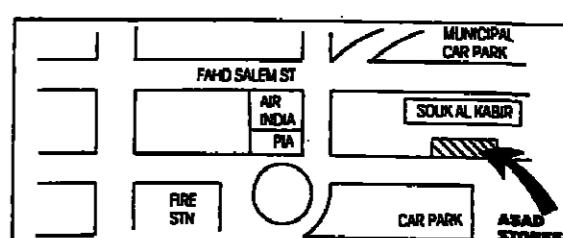
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## Thought for today

A CHEERFUL friend is like a sunny day, spreading brightness all around — Sir John Lubbock, English astronomer-mathematician (1803-1865).

## Rajiv likely to produce a vote-winning budget

By Malcolm Davidson

NEW DELHI. (Reuter): It's election year in India and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi looks like brushing aside growing unease over the economy to produce a vote-winning budget.

Rajiv dropped broad hints this week that Finance Minister S.B. Chavan will announce a clutch of measures aimed at wooing farmers and the poor when he presents his budget today for the fiscal year beginning April 1.

About 70 per cent of India's 800 million people live in the villages and these are the voters that Rajiv must win over if he is to retain power in elections due by the end of December.

He faces a strong challenge from an opposition spurred on by a string of electoral reverses for Rajiv's Congress (I) Party state polls.

But hanging over the country are large and growing budget and balance of payments deficits, which economists, business leaders and even government figures say are worrying.

### Linked

"My view is that the budget will be closely linked to the election and for that reason we are not going to see any of the hard-nosed decisions that we think should be taken," said a Western diplomat who tracks the economy.

Economist V. Sriram of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry agreed, saying: "No government that is in power would like to lose an election and they will want to do things that will keep them in power."

He and other business leaders have urged the government to cut taxes and excise duties and further loosen controls on industry. But they fear they will be made to foot the bill for welfare programmes through higher direct or indirect taxes.

"One thing is very clear," said Pai Panandiker, secretary-general of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. "There will be some goodies for the common man, something for the farmers and something for the urban middle class because that is a growing concern."

## Opinion at home may force Israel to talk to PLO

By Sharon Waxman

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. (Reuter): Public opinion at home rather than persistent pressure from friends and foes abroad may finally force Israel to talk to a reformed Palestine Liberation Organisation, political analysts say.

"Israel is under a lot of pressure. The precise breaking point is difficult to imagine," said Mark Heller, of the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

"I think the pretext will be Israeli public opinion. The important Israeli decision-makers will come to the decision that the PLO is no longer the PLO," said Heller.

Opinion polls show a majority of Israelis support talking to the PLO, even though most of them do not trust the organisation and oppose a Palestinian state.

On a visit to France, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir repeated a long-standing vow on Tuesday never to talk to Yasser Arafat's PLO, banned in Israel as a terrorist organisation bent on destroying the Jewish state.

### Useless

Shamir's insistence that talks with Arafat would be useless coincided with intense diplomatic activity on the Arab-Israeli conflict. Foreign Minister Moshe Arens separately met the Soviet Union's Eduard Shevardnadze and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo.

Shevardnadze, offering to renew ties broken almost 22 years ago, pressed Israel to join an international peace conference with the PLO. Mubarak told Arens peace was impossible without the organisation's involvement.

In Paris, President Francois Mitterrand told Shamir he had made no decision on whether to meet Arafat. Such a meeting would be a diplomatic coup for the Palestinian chief.

Israel's latest rejection of the PLO followed an unprecedented videotaped appeal, screened in occupied Jerusalem, from senior Arafat deputy Abu Iyad for Israeli-PLO talks. A Jerusalem Post commentator hailed the

## Individual performance counts

# Game of buzkashi echoes Afghan political chaos

By Bernd Debusmann

KHORRASAN CAMP, Pakistan. (Reuter): Whips clenched between their teeth, 70 horsemen struggled around a headless dead goat. In the mayhem, horses reared and shoved, kicking up clouds of dust.

Riders in the centre of the mellee leaned down to try to grab the carcass. Yells rose as one rider snatched it up and tried to break loose — only to have another snatch the goat from him.

The heaving mass of riders and mounts broke up after 10 minutes and one man, holding the goat by a leg, took off in full gallop towards the far end of the field, pursued by a thundering horde.

"Watch this closely," said an Afghan spectator at Khorrasan Camp, home to some of the three million Afghan refugees in Pakistan. "It can help you understand."

Food output has boomed. Foodgrain production is forecast to hit a record 170 million tonnes this year compared with 138 million in 1987/88.

The government estimates that gross domestic product, the total value of goods and services excluding foreign trade, will grow around nine per cent in the fiscal year ending March 31, up from an estimated 3.6 per cent in 1987/88.

The deficits remain the biggest problem. The diplomatic analyst said he expected the government would overshoot its budget deficit of Rs 74.84 billion (\$4.9 billion) by up to 15 per cent this year and would try to peg the 1989/90 shortfall at about the same level.

**Exports**

The government has trumpeted its success in boosting exports by 24 per cent so far this year in rupee terms. But because of a steadily depreciating rupee, exports in terms of the dollar have grown by only about 11 per cent and imports 13 per cent.

To close the widening trade deficit, exports should have grown by about 18 per cent in dollars. Instead India is resorting to higher commercial borrowings.

"I do think that they have to start being careful with commercial borrowings," a senior international economist said. "They are nowhere near any real problems but these things can snowball very quickly."

The percentage of India's export earnings that go to pay off its external debt has been steadily rising and now about 27 per cent, he said.

**Support**

Few people doubt that Solidarity will soon be re-legalised, part of a deal under which the authorities want opposition support for reform intended to rescue Poland's shattered economy and minimise the danger to political upheaval.

"It's exactly what we wanted to get," Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz said last week when the government and opposition agreed that the union could re-emerge as a national movement grouping workers from all branches of industry.

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**Change**

But much has changed in official attitudes since the Communist Party, after fierce internal arguments, decided to open talks with Solidarity on Feb 6.

At daily news conferences in a building where the government once regularly denounced Walesa, official spokesmen now calmly answer points raised by a questioner identifying himself as "a representative of Lech Walesa's office."

His remarks reflected an awareness on the part of both Solidarity and the government that, without a new attempt at dialogue, Poland might suffer public unrest on a scale worse than any in its crisis-ridden communist period since 1945.

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"There is only one direction," Walesa told government negotiators when the talks opened. "It must lead to a democratic system, towards the rule of law."

**Trust**

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**Majority**

Only one European nation — Albania — has a majority Muslim population, the report said.

Indonesia is the most populous nation with a majority Muslim population, with 88 per cent of its 177 million people estimated to be Muslim.

**Increase**

"Although Islam is a proselytizing religion, its proportionate increase in the modern world is much more a result of natural increase — the excess of births over deaths — than it is the conversion of non-Muslims to the Islamic faith," the report said.

It said the nations of the Muslim world "tend to be farther behind in the demographic transition from high to low birth and death rates than other major categories of nations" and they also have the highest fertility levels, the highest mortality levels and some of the highest rates of natural increase.

The report said there is considerable diversity among Muslim nations in population trends and few of the patterns "appear to be a direct result of religious influence."

It also noted that the religion does not forbid contraception, so religious beliefs are not the sole cause of the very high levels of Muslim births.

Instead, it said the high fertility — as in other Third World developing nations — is more likely a result of the stage of economic and social development most Muslim nations are in.

**Reforms**

The armed forces gave Prime Minister Saeed Al Mahdi and head of state Ahmed Ali Al Mirghani a one-week ultimatum on Wednesday demanding political and economic reforms.

It was the first public political activity since 1985 by the Army, poorly-equipped and exaggerated by a five-year-old civil war against southern rebels that neither side appears able to win.

**War**

Army leaders, the diplomats said, privately blame politicians for the continuation of the war in the south, ruthlessly fought with both sides rarely taking prisoners.

They move followed a series of humiliating defeats at the hands of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), which wants to end what it sees as the domination of their animist and Christian region by the Muslim and Arabised north.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1594 — Britain's royal physician Roger Loper is arrested for alleged conspiracy to poison Queen Elizabeth.
- 1653 — English fleet defeats Dutch off Portland, England.
- 1806 — Austria joins Napoleon Bonaparte's "continental system". French forces capture Barcelona, Spain.
- 1825 — Britain and Russia sign treaty covering respective rights in Pacific Ocean areas.
- 1868 — Benjamin Disraeli replaces Lord Derby as Britain's prime minister.
- 1876 — Carlist war in Spain ends with flight of Don Carlos.
- 1877 — Peace treaty is signed between Turkey and Serbia.
- 1911 — Australia's Premier Andrew Fisher announces plans to nationalize monopolies.
- 1920 — Hungarian constitution is adopted.
- 1933 — Nazi decree suppresses civil liberties in Germany.
- 1942 — Japanese forces land in Java, Indonesia, in World War II.
- 1956 — India and Indonesia sign mutual aid treaty.
- 1962 — United States announces that new atomic tests will be conducted in atmosphere near Johnston Island in Pacific.
- 1974 — United States and Egypt re-establish diplomatic relations after seven-year breach.
- 1987 — Philippines President Corazon Aquino announces "full and complete amnesty" to communist rebels who lay down their arms.

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competing teams.

Teams score one point for carrying the goat round the marker, two for dropping it into the scoring circle. But since a man's reputation is boosted by his scores, it is not uncommon for a player to snatch the carcass from a member of his own team.

### Rivalries

Attempts by Afghan rebels to form an alternative to President Najibullah's government have been complicated by problems that echo the buzkashi field — while the groups feud with each other, there are inter-

nal rivalries as well.

That version, known as tukdabarai buzkashi, can feature more than 1,000 players, no fixed playing field, no teams, and no limit on the number of contestants.

The aim is to lift the carcass from the ground or wrench it from someone else, carry it clear in whatever direction, and drop it.

Played over huge open spaces, tukdabarai buzkashi has no scoring circles, no marker flags, and no rules other than a ban on knocking opponents out of the game.

Hitting or kicking another man's horse is allowed in both tukdabarai free-for-all and in "tame" buzkashi.

In keeping with Afghan's distaste for rules, even tame buzkashi sets no limits on the size of teams — they range from 10 to 50 or more depending on the size of the field and the importance of the occasion.

**Players**

"Honoured guests and visitors," cried the announcer at the Khorrasan match, "please be careful. This is a dangerous game. Sometimes you have to move very quickly."

Moments earlier, dozens of spectators had leapt to safety as a phalanx of horses galloped along the edge of the field, the riders shouting at the top of their voices.

**Origins**

Buzkashi's origins are shrouded in the ancient history of Central Asia but most experts agree Genghis Khan and his conquering hordes played a major role in spreading the game.

Historians relate that Genghis Khan's horsemen often attacked their victims' camps at full speed,

atching up sheep and goats without dismounting.

Their victims acquired their attackers' equestrian skills to counter the advancing Mongols.

That Afghan equestrian skills go back beyond Genghis Khan appears to be one of the few things on which the left-wing government in Kabul and the Muslim rebels fighting for its overthrow appear to agree.

"The great equestrian tradition out of which buzkashi developed... goes back as far as the time of Alexander the Great," says an Afghan government leaflet on the sport.

The leaflet says that expert horsemen fought Alexander's hitherto triumphant Army to a standstill.

"Afghanistan has been invaded several times, starting with Alexander the Great," cried the announcer at the Khorrasan Camp. "But we have never been conquered... we even defeated the Soviet superpower..."

## End of an era for Japan

By Graham Earsman

TOKYO, (Reuter): The Japanese people bid a final farewell to Emperor Hirohito on Friday, burying a man who in his lifetime was both worshipped as a god and reviled as a war criminal.

The funeral, which drew a huge number of world leaders including President Bush, marks the end of an era for Japan.

It also perhaps gives its 120 million citizens a chance to finally put the past to rest by taking the sting out of bitter debates that have raged for decades over responsibility for World War II.

Until 1945, Hirohito was officially regarded as a god by the Japanese, who were forbidden even to look at him. After the war, there were calls at home and abroad for him to be executed as a war criminal for his role in Japan's militarist expansion.

But largely thanks to US General Douglas MacArthur, commander of the occupation forces, Hirohito never stood trial and survived to preside over the phenomenal economic recovery which has made Japan the envy of the world.

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### Failure

Four fanatical rightwing followers of the emperor are known to have committed suicide in the

days after his death, killing themselves in protest at his burial.

Rightwing groups, notorious for their loudspeaker vans blaring out anti-communist and pro-emperor slogans on quiet Sunday mornings, agree that with the loss of the symbol around which they rallied, things will never be the same again.

Neither will they ever be the same for the anti-emperor groups, vociferous critics of Hirohito's role in the war who charge that the government's funeral arrangements are in effect an attempt to revive the pre-1945 emperor worship.



God willing . . . next time in Kabul

## Ex-King Zahir Shah: waiting in the wings

By Ann Leslie

'THIS current war is not a new thing for us you know. We've been through so many such wars before...'

Against the British, for example? The old King smiled ruefully at me across the porcelain cups and the carnations on the coffee-table. 'Yes, against the British, against others before you, against Genghis Khan — Afghanistan, you know, was the only place where Genghis Khan ever met real resistance; his favourite grandson was killed there and in revenge he massacred our people...'

So, yes, we often wonder why people don't learn lessons from our past. And the chief lesson seems to be that superpowers — from Genghis Khan onwards — who meddle in the affairs of this ferociously brave and miserably poor little nation, do so at their peril.

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Afghans seem to be born with guns in their teeth; if they aren't killing intruders in their high and beautiful deserts and valleys, they're often killing each other. As the cynical Afghan saying has it: 'Do I have enemies? I have cousins, and the sons of cousins!'

The latest intruders have, like so many others, given up in despair. Last week the last of the defeated, demoralised Soviet troops in their fury blue 'shapka' hats left Afghanistan after nine bloody years into the freezing mountain mists on the Afghan/Russian border.

Meanwhile here, in an elegant sunlit villa in the peaceful Italian countryside, I find myself sipping coffee and cracking doggs ('Mine is a very tiny dog so, as a joke, I call it Max!'), the pleasures of staying in Buckingham Palace ('Of all my State

As the Afghan mujahideen close in on the beleaguered capital Kabul, the 74-year-old ex-king of Afghanistan waits patiently in the peaceful Italian countryside for a call to return to his unhappy country.

visits, that is the one whose memory always lives with me') with a tall, dignified and once-forgotten old man in a three-piece suit who — many Afghans believe — is the only man who can still avert the coming bloodbath.

Forgotten no longer, and fruitlessly pursued by the world's Press, 74-year-old ex-King Zahir Shah of Afghanistan lives in modest exile outside Rome in the rented terracotta-red villa where we met for this exclusive interview.

His four sons — one living in America, another in Canada —

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Ever since then, the ex-King has lived placidly in Italy with his Queen, his devoted son-in-law, General Wali, his two Filipino servants and his tiny dog. 'What do I do with my days? Oh, I exercise in the garden, receive visitors, keep in touch...' He has few mementos of the past; a wild ram's head in the hall the only reminder of the days when he used to hunt the Marco Polo ibex in the high Afghan valleys, and fish for trout in mountain streams now shattered and despoiled by nine years of Soviet bombs.

Only the armed Italian carabinieri outside the villa's gate hint at the constant danger in which he still lives.

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and his two daughters have no political ambitions, and he himself thought that his ancient monarchy, like so many others, had vanished into history.

He had ruled Afghanistan for 40 years, had turned himself into a constitutional monarch, and encouraged Soviet influence and aid (for which the Muslim fundamentalists will never forgive him).

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Unfortunately, a royal prince, his cousin Daoud, infuriated at no longer being able to be Prime Minister, overthrew him in 1973 while he was on holiday in Ischia. 'And so I abdicated to save my country from bloodshed, or so I hoped. No, I never foresaw that the Soviets would invade. But then I never foresaw that my cousin Daoud would overthrow me.'

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And now with, I suspect, thoroughly mixed feelings, he's been told that three of the squabbling guerrilla groups are demanding his return to Afghanistan and his throne in order to re-unite the devastated country.

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Ex-King Zahir Shah: everyone is entitled to their own logic, he says.



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brought this tragedy on our nation — is, to say the least, very difficult to conceive.'

But isn't there some truth in the Soviet argument that only the current Communist regime has the infrastructure to ensure an orderly progression to a free Afghanistan? He gave a thin smile. 'Everyone is entitled to their own logic, however mistaken.'

I told him how, as a small child, I'd spoken a little Pashto, and that I remembered my father's passion for the beauty of Afghan-

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'And now, at my time of life, I once again feel that sense of duty, that heavy responsibility towards the welfare of my people.'

But can Afghanistan ever regain its national unity? I believe so. The psychology of war is difficult to overcome but in 1929, after King Amanullah was overthrown, there was a terrible period of bloodletting. It was Afghan against Afghan and people wondered whether the country would ever be at peace. But people become tired, you know, they want peace, they do not want to go on.

After that confusion and bedlam was over, and after

before the Russians pulled out. The Soviets wanted the King to persuade his countrymen to accept some members of Najibullah's Marxist regime into an interim government.

Yet as the King pointed out to me: 'The overwhelming majority of Afghans rejected the Communists. Party when it seized power in 1978, and they struggled even more fiercely against the Soviet invasion in '79. As a result, more than one-and-a-half million Afghan lives have been lost, five million Afghans have fled their country into exile, and our people have endured countless sacrifices in our struggle for our freedom, our Islamic values and our Afghan way of life.'

'Under these circumstances, the future participation in any interim government of any Afghan Communists — who

istan; the villages of the high Panjshir valley, the profusion of birds and flowers, the scent of wild mulberry trees in blossom.

For a moment, the 74-year-old King's eyes misted over. 'The way you have described the beauty of the Panjshir and its mulberry trees, it is so accurate...'

And all that beauty has now been destroyed? For a brief moment, this courteous, grave and deeply formal man seemed close to unshed tears. After a pause he murmured quietly: 'Unfortunately...yes. It is destroyed.'

As he led me to the door and out into the Italian spring sunshine, I turned and said: 'I hope that when I next meet Yadi Majesty it will be in Kabul.'

He gave a slight bow of the head. 'Inshallah. God willing...in Kabul.'

## Fashion world mourns designer Laroche

By Gail Rolfe

FASHION designer Guy Laroche died in Paris last week after a long battle against cancer. He was 66, one of the leading old school French couturiers, and worked right up until the day he died. The French high-fashion world wore black for the death of the man who dressed women in simple but ultra-feminine clothes at affordable prices.

'Guy Laroche dressed women, he didn't disguise them,' said designer Jean-Charles de Castelbajac. He was rewarded by sales that turned his once minor couture house into the largest French ready-to-wear designer label.

Laroche is also known for women's perfumes and the men's fragrance, Drakkar.

Laroche's final collection appeared at the spring haute couture show just three weeks ago and featured figure-hugging, strapless tops in vibrant yellows and oranges, with short bolero tops and loose, flowing trousers.

It won him the coveted Golden Thimble, the second time in a career spanning three decades that he received the highest



Guy Laroche (right) adjusting the head-dress of Alessandra Mussolini, one of his star models.

accolade the fashion industry could give.

Guy Laroche was born in La Rochelle, near Bordeaux, in 1923 and came to Paris aged 25 with no immediate goals or ambitions.

Trudging

Through a cousin who worked at Jean Patou he toured several couture houses, fell in love with the business and decided to try his luck as a designer.

He began, as so many young hopefuls do, by trudging round the famous houses with a bundle of sketches. He found a job with Jean Desses, one of the best-known Parisian dress houses, and stayed there until 1954.

Then came a decision that was to have a dramatic effect on his career. He decided to go to New York to study the American technique of designing.

He returned to Paris in 1956 and set up his own fashion house. His first small collection for winter 1957 was shown from his own apartment. His style of casual, youthful and essentially simple clothes owed much to the American influence.

By 1961 he had established his own couture business and boutique on the exclusive

Avenue Montaigne, alongside other greats such as Nina Ricci, Jean-Louis Scheret and Christian Dior. Menswear followed in 1966 and his first perfume, Fidji, a year later.

Guy Laroche had an undoubted flair for making the kind of clothes that most women like to wear. They were young-looking, lively and comfortable. Daring innovation and eccentricity were never his signature.

But he was credited with introducing the Baby Doll look, with its love of soft, pastel shades such as deep apricot and palest yellow peach.

Besides being head of state, he is also prime minister and defence minister and has included two of his brothers in the cabinet to help rule over the oil-rich nation of 227,000 people on the north coast of Borneo.

The sultan moves freely

among his subjects and is credited with a number of civic improvements.

His reign also harkens back to

days when the pomp, pageantry and proclamations of hundreds of bluebloods — kings, princes, sultans, maharajahs, nawabs and nizams — were as vital a part of Asia as its rice fields. This century, however, royal ranks have been thinned by communist revolutions, independence struggles and the spread of democracy.

A hereditary kingdom also

remains in Malaysia, where

By Denis D. Gray

BANGKOK: Thailand. (AP): On a continent where kings once were revered as gods, Asia's six surviving monarchies include a diverse clutch of modernizing kings and a sultan who wields absolute power.

King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, the world's longest reigning monarch since the death of Japan's Emperor Hirohito, has initiated thousands of rural development projects and spends much of each year in the countryside personally helping peasants design irrigation canals, improve crops and combat disease.

In Nepal, Harvard-educated King Birendra criss-crosses his mountainous nation in a way his isolated predecessors never did. He has set a goal of fulfilling the basic needs of an impoverished populace by the year 2000.

In the other Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, King Jigme Singye Wangchuk pores over economic development plans and deals almost daily with petitions submitted by subjects.

Hirohito, is widely credited with having contributed to Japan's postwar economic miracle by preserving unity and traditional virtues through his symbolic role. But the late emperor, who renounced his divinity after Japan's defeat in World War II, spent most of his 62 years on the Chrysanthemum throne behind the walls of Tokyo's imperial palace.

His son and successor, Emperor Akihito, 55, broke with tradition by marrying a commoner and has travelled with his family by train, thrown out the first ball at baseball games and mixed with his fellow Japanese at numerous public functions.

Breath

But although he is expected to breach some of the barriers between emperor and subjects, Akihito is unlikely to interact as intimately with his subjects and their daily problems as do the other Asian royals — nor wield anywhere near as much tangible power.

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## Asia's reigning kings changing with the times



Sultan of Brunei



King Bhumibol of Thailand



King Birendra and Queen Ratna of Nepal

five years one of the country's sultans is elected a constitutional monarch.

The most powerful and richest of the continent's hereditary monarchs is Brunei's 52-year-old Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, an absolute ruler who resides in a 1,788-room palace and keeps some of his 200 horses in air-conditioned stables. Fortune magazine in the United States last year named him the world's richest man, with assets estimated at 25 billion US dollars.

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Akihito is 125th in a line of

emperors said to stretch back 2,600 years. Though historians regard the first 14 emperors as figures of myth, the Japanese imperial line is still the world's oldest hereditary monarchy, and public opinion polls favour its continuation.

Bhumibol, probably the most recovered man in Thailand, is heir to 750 years of monarchy. Bolkiah is Brunei's

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## US to reduce controls on exports to communist world

WASHINGTON, Feb 27. (Reuters): The Commerce Department next week will announce relaxed export controls over the sale of low-level technology to China and other communist countries, department officials said yesterday.

They said the new control list was agreed to last year by the Paris-based Co-ordinating Committee on Export Controls (COCOM), a group formed by Western allies after World War Two to curb the export of modern technology to communists nations.

The officials said some of technology, all low-level and with no military application, would be decontrolled outright while others would have controls eased.

### Relaxation

They said the relaxation would be aimed at opening technology exports to China and that other COCOM nations were making similar amendments to their export regulations.

The officials did not give details of what goods would be on the list, which is to be published in the Federal Register, the official document recording US executive actions.

Commerce's action was in keeping with COCOM decisions last year to put tougher curbs on the sale of high-technology goods with war-making application but at the same time ease controls on strictly civilian-use technology.

US businessmen have complained that the American export control list inhibited exports because many products on the list had no military applications and were readily available from non-COCOM nations.

## EEC becomes Brazil's principal trade partner

BRASILIA, Brazil, Feb 27. (AP): The European Economic Community has surpassed the United States as Brazil's principal market in January, tallying \$681 million worth of exports to the 12-nation bloc, the government said yesterday.

The Bank of Brazil's foreign trade office said the January trade surplus was \$1.61 billion, up 53.87 per cent over January 1988.

Brazilian exports to the EEC grew by almost 39 per cent, while exports to the US market were \$532 million, a drop of 14.81 per cent from January of last year.

### Exports

The president of the Central Foundation for the Study of Foreign Trade, Benedicto Moreira, told the financial daily Gazebo Mercantil that the fall in exports to the United States was due to US commercial reprisals against Brazilian goods.

"The threats of reprisals are very grave. The United States is trying to frighten Brazil," Moreira said, referring to the disputes between the two countries over computers and pharmaceutical patents.

Moreira said the outlook for increased trade with the EEC was excellent because the integration of EEC economies in 1992 will create an internal market very similar in size to that of the United States.

## State-run enterprises in China pile up losses

BEIJING, Feb 27. (AP): Losses in China's inefficiently run state-owned industrial enterprises jumped by 26.6 per cent last year compared to 1987, the official China Daily said today.

The daily quoted Guo Zhishan, an official of the state commission for restructuring the economic system, as saying losses were particularly heavy in companies under direct control of the central government.

He said 25 per cent of central government-run plants lost money, up from 21 per cent in 1987, and the amount of their losses rose 61 per cent.

### System

Guo said locally run enterprises did better because more had adopted the contract responsibility system which makes factory managers liable for losses and provides them benefits for profits.

The report did not give a figure for total losses, but the government last year paid an estimated 40 billion yuan (\$10.8 billion), about a sixth of the total budget, to subsidise state-run factories.

## Inflation in consumer prices in advanced countries could reach 4pc

# GATT sees record world trade growth in '89

GENEVA, Feb 27. (Reuters): World trade grew at its fastest rate for four years in 1988 and looks set for record growth this year, the GATT trade body said today.

Merchandise trade rose 8.5 per cent last year, equalising the record registered in the boom year of 1984 and surpassing the most optimistic forecasts, the secretariat of the 96-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade said.

The rate, which compares with a 5.5 per cent increase in 1987, is the fourth consecutive year of accelerating trade growth, GATT said in preliminary report.

It forecast another record year of growth in 1989 provided governments kept world markets open and controlled a modest spurt of inflation in some industrialised states, including the report said.

### Rise

Greater trade volume accounted for most of the rise, but inflation and a further moderate depreciation of the dollar exchange rate also contributed, the report said.

Predictions for 1989 were that inflation in consumer prices in advanced countries could reach four per cent, "with some risks

United States, Britain, France and West Germany.

"The current expansionist phase in the world economy has become more vigorous than the previous one. The volume of world merchandise trade is up nearly 40 per cent and world output up 25 per cent from their 1982 recession levels," the report said.

World merchandise trade value in 1988 was estimated at \$2,840 billion, a four per cent increase over the 1987 figure, the report said.

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"But while this situation has led to a tightening of monetary policy with consequent increases in nominal interest rates, there is no expectation of the kind of drastic anti-inflation policies that triggered the 1982 recession," the report said.

The GATT secretariat makes a preliminary assessment of the previous year's performance each February, and updates this in the summer when fuller trade data are available.

The GATT report said expanding trade was one of three factors benefiting the world economy. The others were moderate inflation in industrialised countries and strong growth in business investment.

Trade growth in 1988 was broadly-based, with increases of 10 per cent in deliveries of manufactured goods, seven per

cent in mining products and four per cent in farm produce.

It was also spread over a wide range of countries, in particular industrialised nations and leading Third World traders. This contrasted with the 1984 trade boom, which was triggered mainly by US import demand.

West Germany and the US were virtually level at the top of the table of the world's leading exporters, with shares of 11.4 per cent and 11.3 per cent respectively of 1988 world exports.

Japan followed with 9.3 per cent, ahead of France's 5.9 per cent and Britain on 5.1 per cent.

The US remained by far the world's biggest importer with a share of 15.6 per cent, followed by West Germany 8.4 per cent, Britain 6.4 per cent, Japan 6.3 per cent and France 5.9 per cent.

Imports into the 13 member states of the Organisation of

Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), hit by lower oil prices and higher costs of manufactured goods, fell by an estimated 1.5 per cent.

Exports and imports of 15 heavily indebted developing countries, whose trade results are charted by the GATT secretariat, grew for the second successive year, bringing their aggregate trade surplus to nearly \$28 billion.

But the overall economic situation in these countries was still worsening, due to rising interest charges on their debts and continued lack of capital inflows, the GATT report said.

The 15 countries are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ivory Coast, Ecuador, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

## World Business Summary

# Chrysler to spend \$1b on new sport utility line

DETROIT, Feb 27. (Reuters): Capitalising on growing consumer demand for jeeps, Chrysler Corp said yesterday it would spend \$1 billion to develop and build a new line of sport utility vehicles to be introduced in 1992. The announcement is the latest in a series of production ventures by the number three US car maker. Chrysler said the model, nicknamed the ZJ, would be built at its new Jefferson Avenue plant in Detroit. Construction on the plant, which will replace an ageing factory now at the site, is to begin in April. On Feb 2 Chrysler and the French car maker Renault announced they would jointly build the small JJ sport utility vehicle at plants in Europe and North America. Two players earlier, Chrysler said it would market a version of the Sonata sedan produced by the Korean car maker Hyundai. Chrysler also will begin distributing Alfa Romeo vehicles built by Italy's Fiat starting late in 1989 or 1990. Sport utility vehicles, which include Chrysler's jeep line, the Bronco models built by Ford Motor Co and General Motors Corp's Chevrolet Blazer, are among the fastest selling vehicles in the US industry. Sales in the United States, which were 500,000 vehicles annually in the early 1980s, reached 933,988 in 1988. Chrysler recently began selling jeep models in Europe and company officials have said they plan to increase exports of the models to that market.

## Arab contractors study reconstruction plans

BAGHDAD, Feb 27. (AP): Arab contractors and engineers toured the southern border cities of Basra and Faw yesterday to study reconstruction plans for the cities that were heavily damaged in the war with Iran, officials reported. The visit came two days after President Saddam Hussein visited the cities and criticised the slow pace of the rebuilding. Last week, he ordered the formation of a special committee to supervise the reconstruction of Basra, for which \$5 billion has been allocated. The Arab contractors reviewed plans by the Ministry of Housing and Construction for Rebuilding Faw and Basra. A member of the Iraqi Contractors' Federation said the Arab businessmen were also studying ways to finance other reconstruction projects in both cities. Faw, a oil terminal centre before the war broke out in September 1980, was largely devastated after it was captured by the Iranians in February 1986. The Iraqis drove them back across the Shatt Al Arab waterway in April last year. Basra, Iraq's main Gulf port and its second largest city before the war, was badly battered by Iranian artillery and rocket fire in a sustained offensive to capture it before the August 20 ceasefire.

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## Recession prospects ease

# US economy expected to slow, says study

WASHINGTON, Feb 27. (Agencies): The US economy is expected to slow significantly this year, but the chances of a recession in the next two years have eased slightly, according to a survey said today.

The National Association of Business Economics says a survey of its members found them slightly more optimistic about the economy's fortunes in 1989 than they were just three months ago.

That is still one-half percentage point lower than the Bush administration's estimate that the GNP will expand at 3.2 per cent in 1989.

The administration is counting on faster growth to bring in more revenues and help it lower the budget deficit without the need to raise taxes.

### Construction

Their eyes on a construction bonanza, officials and businessmen from Eastern and Western countries crowd Tehran hotels, vying for a piece of the action.

In February alone, Iran signed reconstruction agreements with West Germany, Turkey and the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and other East bloc countries, and is negotiating with many others.

North Korea, which acted as a conduit for Chinese-made arms for Iran during the war, is expected to be one of the main beneficiaries.

Western correspondents taken on a government-conducted tour of the southwestern oil-rich Khuzestan province, captured by Iraq in the early days of the war and one of the worst-hit regions, saw intensive reconstruction activity everywhere.

### Systems

Squads of young Revolutionary Guards and villagers are repairing roads, laying new oil pipelines and digging irrigation canals or repairing existing systems throughout the province.

In Ahvaz, nearby Susangerd and other towns, blacksmiths and carpenters work until late at night making doors and windows for new housing. The whole region has become a vast workshop.

A new settlement of neat yellow brick houses has been built next to the original town of Howeizah, 37 miles (60

kilometres) northeast of Ahwaz, which was occupied and razed by Iraq.

Green and black mourning flags flutter in the wind over mounds of rubble and twisted steel beams.

"This is being preserved as a monument to remind future generations of Iraq's savagery," said Nader Tahvilard, an official of the Reconstruction Ministry, which rebuilt Howeizah.

More than 6,000 workers and specialists are working round the clock at the huge Abadan refinery, 75 miles (120 kilometres) south of Ahwaz, to get it back in partial operation by April 1. Nearly 200 of the refinery workers were killed during the war.

### Capacity

The refinery was the world's largest, with a capacity of 650,000 barrels a day, increasing to some 250,000 barrels a day later.

Iranian officials said the much-bombed Kharg island oil terminal in the northern Gulf, 120 miles (190 kilometres) to the southeast, through which Iran exports 90 per cent of its oil, already is operating at full capacity.

"Iran ideally wants to arrange barter deals, selling its oil and other exports in return for machinery, raw materials and expertise," one diplomat said.

The giant Soviet-built steel

## Saudi bank makes first profit in 4 years

RIYADH, Feb 27. (Reuters): The United Saudi Commercial Bank (USCB) said yesterday it had made a profit for the first time in four years, thanks partly to a cost-cutting drive.

The bank, one of 12 commercial banks in Saudi Arabia, said net profit for 1988 was 20.7 million riyals (\$5.5 million) compared with a net loss of 14.8 million riyals (\$4 million) the year before.

It is only the second time USCB has reported a profit since it was formed in October 1983, just as the oil boom was ending and the banking industry was hit by a series of loan repayment problems.

General Manager Gerald Kangas told Reuters part of the reason for the turnaround was an extensive cost-cutting plan, in which the number of employees was cut to 318 from 435.

Bank Melhi Iran, Pakistan's United Bank and the London-based Saudi International Bank each have 10 per cent of USCB. Private Saudi interests own the rest.

### Negotiations

Amid these problems, the US government is working on an updated policy statement on debt that should be presented to Congress shortly. Co-ordination of a strategy with other members of the powerful Group of Seven industrial nations is expected over the IMF spring meeting in Washington.

Venezuela has been forced by falling oil income to drop its opposition to an IMF agreement. Venezuelan officials are expected to fly to Washington next week to sign a letter of intent forming the basis of a \$4.5-billion long-term loan.

The fragility of agreements with Brazil and Venezuela places a new burden on banks, which are also being asked by Mexico for \$3 billion in new cash each year until 1994.

Scant lending last year meant Latin American debt fell \$9 billion, to \$401 billion. In 1989, Mexico, Venezuela and Argentina want at least \$7 billion from commercial banks. Brazil is waiting to receive loans agreed to last year.</

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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IKI	219/0	INCHCAPE	260/0	LONDON	260/0
JAGUAR	306/0			(Beta Stocks)	
LADROCKE	520/0				
LAND SEC'S	564/0				
NAME LAST	400/0	NAME CLOSE OPEN			
ABBEY LFE	312/0	LASHO	460/0	BORTHWICK	44/0 44/0
ADT LTD	143/0	LEGAL-GEN	325/0	BR ARROW	117/0 116/0
ALD LEYTON	467/0	LONRHO	536/0	BR ASSETS	78/6 77/4
AMSTRAD	147/0	LUCAS IND	627/0	BR DREDG	160/0 159/0
ARGYLL GP	178/0	MAGNET	296/0	BR VITA	249/0 246/0
ASDA GP	144/4	HARPS-SP	160/0	BRENT CHE	149/0 146/0
BAE	301/0	MAXWELL C	204/0	BRITAIN	170/0 193/0
BTR	348/0	MB GROUP	283/0	BRITANNIC	385/0 382/0
BAT IND'S	529/0	MEPC	551/0	BRIXTON E	402/0 400/0
BARCLAYS	439/0	MIDLAND BE	434/0	C.A.E. ELECT	430/0 430/0
BASS	965/0	NEXT	144/0	CATRD GRP	405/0 405/0
BEAVER	204/0	NTW FOODS	290/0	BUDGENS	121/0 120/0
BEECHAMS	558/0	P & O DPD	667/0	BULLOUGH	168/0 165/0
BERISFORD	158.5	PEARL	408/0	BROWN SHI	348/0 350/0
BICC PLC	435/0	PEARSON	698/0	BRYANT GP	128/0 125/0
BLUE ARR	88/6	PILKINGTON	226/0	BSS INT'L	76/4 77/4
BLUE CIRC	573/0	PLESSY	252/0	ALLD PART	74/0 74/0
BOC GP	477/0	POLLY PEC	320/0	CANNING W	258/0 254/0
BOOTS CO	251/0	ALLIANCE	966/0 962/0	CENTL ITV	218/0 215/0
BPP IND'S	243/0	RACAL ELC	346/0	CHARTRER	24/2 23/4
BR COUN	223/0	RACAL TEL	277/0	CHARON	373/0 372/0
BR AIRWAY	186/0	RANK HVIS	370/0	CARCO EN	149/0 149/0
BR AIRWAYS	502/0	RANK ORGS	880/0	CATTLE RD	68/0 68/0
BR AEROSP	502/0	REDLAND	501/0	CAULDON	107/4 107/4
BR GAS RG	165/0	REED	428/0	CAUNH	290/0 291/0
BR LAND	342/0	APPLYCARD	445/0 443/0	CAUNH JNS	142/4 140/0
B.P.	262/0	RMC GRP	617/0	CAUNH CUR	107/0 103/0
B.P.P.	156/0	REUTERS	635/0	CHLORIDE	58/0 57/0
BR STEEL	77.75	RTZ CORP.	513/0	CHRISTIES	230/0 235/0
BR TELCO	267/0	ROLLS RY	165.5	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
BURNAH QD	536/0	ROTTHAM B	513/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
BURTON	196/0	ROYAL INS	423/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
CABLEWIR	416/0	SAATCHI	386/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
CADBURY'S	342/0	SATINS	215/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
CALOR GRP	379/0	SCOT-NEW	443/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
CRILTN COM	858/0	SEARS	115/4	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
CRILTN K T	838/0	SHILL	253/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
COOKSONS	304/0	SHILL	364/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
COURTAULD	298/0	SIERE	471/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
DALGETY	353/0	SLOUGH ES	320/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
DIXONS	154/0	STD.CHART	530/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
END CHINA	514/0	STC	313/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
ENTER OIL	532/0	STORENSE	169/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
FKI BABX	172/0	SUN ALLIA	078/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
FERRANTI	110.0	SUN LIFE	950/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
FISONS	275/0	TARMAC	273/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
GATEWAY	163/0	TATELYLE	223/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
GEN ACCID	920/0	TITLE WOOD	565/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
GEN ELEC	226/0	TRAF HSE	341/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
GLAXO	228/0	TSB	118.5	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
GRANADA	342/0	T + N	198/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
GLOBE	161/4	TRUSTHSE	276/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
GLYNMEE	315/0	ULTIMAR	293/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
GUARD RYL	206/0	UNILEVER	533/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
GKN	349/0	UNIGATE	341/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
GUINNESS	402/0	BLCK LE 2	116/ 114/	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
HAWKERSH	776/0	WELLCOME	456/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
HANSON	173/4	WHITEBD IN	340/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
HARRISN C	728.0	WILLIAMS	263/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
HAKER SID	641/0	WILLIS FB	241/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
HILLSOMM	273/0	WINPEY GE	286/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4
ICI	162/0	WOOLWORTH	263/0	CHRISTIE	129/4 128/4

**World Indices**

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1644.4	1663.4	1660.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1149.9	1149.9	1147.2	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1050.47	1050.47	1048.43	926.59
FT GOV SEC	88.08	88.08	88.13	87.03
FT GOLD MN	169.2	169.2	163.6	161.9
FT MINES F	678.21	678.21	675.99	565.31
FT OIL	1893.3	1893.3	1883.8	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	145.15	145.24	145.24	139.21
FT WLD STG	122.92	122.92	122.94	115.30
FT WLD LOC	129.48	78.39	1029.80	123.40

**London Stock Market Report**
**U.K. SHARES ABOVE LOMS, RATE HIKE CONCERN PERSISTS**

LONDON, FEB 27, REUTER - SHARES WERE ABOVE THEIR LOWS ON THE DAY IN AFTERNOON TRADING, ENCOURAGED BY ONLY A NARROW EARLY FALL ON WALL STREET AFTER LAST FRIDAY'S SELF-OFF. DEALERS SAID.

DEALERS DETECTED SELECTIVE INSTITUTIONAL BUYING AT THE DAY'S LOWS BUT SAID NERVOUSNESS THAT BRITISH BASE RATES MAY RISE ABOVE 13 PCT FOLLOWING U.K. JANUARY TRADE FIGURES ON WEDNESDAY WAS CONTINUING TO OVERSHADOW TODAY'S DEALINGS.

THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX WAS DOWN 28.3 POINTS AT 1,991.2 BY 1557 GMT, HAVING AT ONE STAGE TOO TOUCHED 1,983.3, DOWN 1.8 PCT FROM FRIDAY'S CLOSING. TRADING VOLUME WAS MODEST.

FRIDAY'S RISE IN THE U.S. DISCOUNT RATE AND SPECULATION EUROPEAN COUNTRIES COULD SOON RAISE THEIR INTEREST RATES HAS MADE INVESTORS NERVOUS THAT BRITAIN MIGHT HAVE TO PUSH UP ITS OWN RATES TO MAINTAIN DIFFERENTIALS.

A CATALYST FOR THIS COULD COME ON WEDNESDAY WHEN U.K. JANUARY TRADE NEWS IS PUBLISHED. DEALERS SAID A CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE THE FORECAST 1.5 BILLION STG COULD PRONE A RISE TO FEND OFF FURTHER WEAKNESS IN THE POUND.

DEALERS HAVE REPORTED BANK OF ENGLAND SUPPORT FOR THE POUND TODAY AND ANALYSTS PREDICT A BASE RATE HIKE BECOMES MORE LIKELY IF STERLING SLIPS BELOW 3.15 MARKS FROM ITS CURRENT 3.17 MARKS.

**London Gold**

LONDON, FEB 27, REUTER - GOLD BULLION TRADING REMAINED QUIET DURING THE AFTERNOON WITH DEALERS GENERALLY LOOKING TO COMEX FOR DIRECTION AND LIGHT FLUCTUATIONS REFLECTED DOLLAR MOVES. GOLD WAS FIXED AT 390.60 DLRS AN OUNCE COMPARED WITH THE OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSE OF 390.90/391.40 AND 389.50/390.00 DLRS RESPECTIVELY.

DEALERS SAID THE MARKET WAS FEATURELESS WITH GOLD LACKING INCENTIVE TO BREAK OUT OF ITS EARLIER TWO DLR TRADING RANGE. GOLD IS SEEN CONSOLIDATING AROUND 390 DLRS, THE MIDDLE OF A 380/400 DLRS TECHNICAL RANGE, WITH SHORT TERM RESISTANCE AROUND 392 DLRS CAPPING UPWARD MOVES.

**London Money Market**

LONDON, FEB 27, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES SHOWED GAINS OF AROUND 1/4 POINT FROM THREE MONTHS TO ONE YEAR IN NERVOUS LATE TRADING AS STERLING REMAINED WEAK DESPITE SEVERAL BOUTS OF SUPPORTIVE BANK OF ENGLAND INTERVENTION.

AT 1615 GMT, THE POUND WAS QUOTED AT JUST BELOW 3.17 MARKS AFTER THE BANK'S LATEST FORAY INTO THE CURRENCY MARKETS, AFTER CLOSING AT AROUND 3.1900 ON FRIDAY.

TRADES SAY THE MARKET IS EXTREMELY NERVOUS THAT U.K. BASE RATES WILL HAVE TO RISE FURTHER AND SAY THE ISSUE REVOLVES AROUND STERLING'S REACTION TO WEDNESDAY'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DATA FOR JANUARY.

**Foreign Exchange**

DLR	STG	DKR	FFR
1.7510/20	1.8115/20	6.1760/80	10.8215/95
3.171/188	3.171/185	29.25/41	FIX
FF 6.171/185	10.8085/8265	340.60/41.24	FIX
SFR 1.5495/5505	2.7152/7165	85.35/45	24.04/07
NFL 2.0450	3.5853	112.90	33.12
ECU 1.14522	0.653851	2.07457	7.07288
SFR 1.32435	7.54443	2.42184	CLOSE
YEN 126.18/28	221.00/31	-----	NOON
SDR RATE	24/02/1989	OTHERS	27/02/1989

**LONDON**  
(Beta Stocks)

BORTHWICK	44/0 44/0	HICKSM IN	241/0 236/0	SAG

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1989

## International Bond Highlights

JAKARTA: President Suharto said the weakening dollar will increase Indonesia's debt service in the next fiscal year but ruled out a debt rescheduling. (XLEV 1104)

Tokyo: The Export-Import Bank Japan may extend certain loans with the International Monetary Fund to either Mexico or the Philippines. President Takashi Tanaka was quoted by a bank official as saying. (XLN 1133)

Caracas: Venezuela's cabinet will consider on Wednesday whether the country should suspend interest payments to private foreign banks, central bank spokesman Hugo Lopez said. (XLHG 1512)

London: Three equity warrant bonds for Japanese issuers were launched. Nitto Electrical Industrial Co. Ltd has a 150 mn dir issue maturing March 16, 1993 and with an indicated coupon of 4-5/8 pct, lead manager Nomura International said. (XLEG 1059) Daiwa Europe Ltd was lead manager for both the Nikken Chemicals Co. Ltd 100 mn dir, four-year, warrant Eurobond with an indicated coupon of 4-5/8 pct (XLDS 0944), and Tokyo Land Corp's issue of a 300 mn dir, four year, warrant Eurobond with an indicated coupon of 4-1/2 pct. (KLGD 0933)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 11-7/8 5/8	13-12-7/8	13-7/16 5/16	
FFT 5.95-6.05	6.20/30	6.65-7.50	
PAT 8-15/16 9-1/16	9-7/16 9/16	9-5/8 3/4	
ZUR 4-7/8 5-1/8	5-3/4 6	6 6-1/4	
BRX 3.10	8-3/16 5/16	8-1/2 5/8	
ROK 11-7/8 12-3/8	12-12/12	12-1/4 12-3/4	
AWS 6.48/81	6.90/00	7.08/18	
TOX FOUR 2/32	4.19/32 21/32	4.20/32 22/32	
ECU 8.31 8.56	8.68 8.81	9.08 9.18	

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-3/16	8-5/8
3 months	8-3/16	8-5/8
6 months	8-3/16	8-5/8
1 year	8-3/16	8-5/8

## BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GL INDIA	91.50	92.50	92 NICO	600	600	610
ACC 314.50	309	GRASIM	44	43	44.50	NUKAND	85.50	84.50	84
ASTA PAINT 213.75	210	211.25	GSCF	132.50	135	132.50	OKRAY	27	27.50
TAJAL AUTO 386.50	382.50	382.50	HIND LEVER	75.50	74	75	PEICO	22	21.50
MAR. RAYON 320	315	315	HINDALCO	196	195	196	Pfizer	76.50	76
TON.DYING 121	123	120	HINDCOCA	108.75	108.75	110	PRE-AUTO	45	45.50
M.R. BOND 118	118	121	HINDMOTOR	31	31.5	30.50	RAYMOND	74	75.50
DISSE INDEX 661.87	671.57	IND ORG	36	36.50	35.50	RELIANCE	141	145	137.50
ENTURSPG 1565	1565	1560	INDRAYON	87	86.50	88	SIEMENS	84	83.50
DEEPAKERT 331.25	330	325	INDROL	297.50	298.75	287.50	SPIC	45.50	44
EL.HOTEL 59	56	55	JKS YATH	79	81	79	TATA PWR	243	240
ESKAYEF 137.50	136.25	136.25	L AND T	103	103	102	TATACHEM	365	360
ESSAR 23.50	25.50	24.25	MARINDRA	94	96.50	93.50	TELCO	114	114.50
SAR. POLY 76.25	76.25	76.25	MASTERSHR	16.75	18.25	17.50	TSICO	1226	1228
SE.SHIP 38.35	38.15	38.15	MATHER PL	52	52	52	VOLTAS	590	580

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLE	MITSUBI CP	1680	1710	MITSUBI EL	1160	1170
NEG 210.2	214.1	AJAINOMOTO	2700	2700	MITSUBI EST	2780	2830		
ALLIANZ VR 1730.0	1747.0	AKAI ELEC	710	700	MITSUBI HVY	1190	1210		
BADENWERK 168.0	189.0	AKOI	1340	1370	MITSUI CO	1270	1290		
BASF 281.0	282.7	ASAHI GLS	1950	1920	MITSUKOSHI	2410	2420		
BAYER HYP 352.5	357.0	ASAHI OPT	800	784	MITSUMI EL	1000	983		
BAYER VER 362.0	371.0	BANK TOKYO	1690	1690	NICHICON	1320	1300		
BBC 459.5	464.8	BRIDGESTON	1380	1380	NIKON CHNT	1210	1230		
BHF 461.0	465.0	CANON	1500	1460	NIKKO SEC	2110	2160		
COMMERZBK 500.0	503.0	CASIO COMP	1440	1390	NIP ELEC	1860	1850		
CONTI GUNN 234.2	236.0	CITIZEN W	973	955	NIP OIL	1840	1830		
DAIMER BEN 236.5	238.9	D-ICHI KAN	3600	3710	NIP STEEL	969	975		
DEUTSC BNK 502.0	507.5	DAI NIP IK	921	943	NIP YUSEN	932	945		
DT.BACCOB 166.0	166.0	DAI NIP PT	2500	2540	NIS MOTOR	1500	1500		
FAIRINDEX 535.78	541.96	DAI NIP SC	995	966	NOMURA SEC	3940	3980		
FELDMUELET 3026.0	3026.0	DAI NIP TO	944	922	OBHA CO	945	927		
GOLDSCHEID 382.0	382.0	DAIPEL	892	892	OLYMPUS	1170	1170		
HARPER 467.27	474.0	DAIHUA H	1970	2000	PENTA OCH	1200	1220		
FEUCHT AG 290.2	292.5	DAISY SEC	1722	1730	PEPSICO	1000	1000		
HOESCH 204.7	206.5	FUJITSU	1480	1490	SAKUYO	2170	2160		
KORTEN 221.0	225.0	FUJI BANK	3630	3650	SANTOY ELEC	868	855		
RUSSEL HLD 450.0	457.0	FUJI PHOTO	3240	3320	SEIYU ST	2350	2350		
CALI SALZ 193.0	195.0	FUJISAMA	1590	1650	SEKISUI PB	1830	1900		
CARSTADT 421.0	421.0	FUJITA CP	1480	1520	SHARP	1170	1180		
CAUFOR 404.0	415.5	HITACHI	1640	1640	SHISEIDO	1680	1700		
KLOECK H 165.0	166.2	HONDA MOT	1980	1990	SONY	6990	6940		
KLOECK W 151.0	152.0	ISETAN	2400	2400	SUMITOMO	1440	1460		
INDE 176.5	177.0	ITO YOKADO	3610	3740	TAISEI	1700	1770		
UFTHANSA 162.5	162.0	JAP SYN RU	1140	1170	TAISHO MRN	1520	1550		
YAN 241.3	245.0	JAPAN AIR	16200	16500	TAKEDA CH	2320	2320		
MANNESMAN 208.0	209.0	JAPAN MET	922	956	TEIJIN	830	835		
HERCDES 516.0	518.5	KAJIMA	2230	2320	TKO NEW IX	468.97	487.24		
METALLGES 375.0	380.0	KANSAI EL	5050	5250	TOKIO MRN	2400	2400		
NIIDORF PF 309.8	312.0	KAO SOAP	1590	1590	TOKYO ELEC	1290	1300		
KORSK HYD 40.40	41.20	KAMASAKI H	920	945	TOKYO GAS	1230	1250		
PHILIP KON 647.0	656.0	KAWASAKI S	975	985	TOKYO POWR	7100	7280		
PORSCHE 688.0	710.0	KIRIN BREW	1860	1890	TORAY IND	960	950		
REUSSAG 243.0	242.0	KOMATSU	1290	1330	TOSHIBA EL	1270	1260		
ANG LUNG 274.0	275.0	KUBATO LTD	1010	985	TOTO	2080	2080		
MEINMETAL 420.0	423.0	KYOCERA	4710	4690	TOYO KOGY	879	869		
ME P 235.0	239.0	NAKATA EL	1510	1550	TOYOTA MOT	2540	2560		
ALANANDER 213.5	217.5	NARUI	2700	2730	YAMAHA	1440	1420		
ICHERING 611.0	619.0	NATSUTA EI	2360	2360	YAMAICHI	2040	2090		
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## Dollar slips

## European stocks retreat on rate fears

LONDON, Feb 27. (Reuters): Major European stock markets slumped today as financial markets braced for another possible round of interest rate rises this week.

British shares closed more than 20 points down. French shares were 1.75 per cent off while Swiss shares fell 2.1 per cent to close at the lowest level of the year.

Wall Street clawed back early losses. The Dow Jones industrial average was up about one point at 2,246 points by midday after dropping 79 points last week.

Tighter credit normally boosts the dollar as speculative money flies from stocks to bank accounts for higher returns, but today the dollar weakened.

## Slumped

Britain's pound sterling also slumped despite the prospect of an increase in interest rates.

Dealers said that now higher rates were no guarantee of currency strength.

"There is growing realisation by markets that... rising interest

rates are a consequence of economic problems... which point to currency weakness," said London-based broker Midland Montagu in its latest currency report.

It singled out economic problems as accelerating inflation and trade deficits.

The dollar ended at 1.8170 West German marks and 126.55 yen in London compared with 1.8240 and 126.30 on Friday night.

Sterling closed almost three pennings weaker in Frankfurt at 3.170 to 3.173 marks after ending last week at 3.199 to 3.202. This was despite sterling purchases by the Bank of England to support the pound on currency markets.

**Critical**

Dealers said the 3.17 support level was critical for its short-term future, but that much would depend on Wednesday's British trade and current account figures. A wide deficit could prompt a rise in British interest rates, dealers said.

Dealers said the mark's stren-

gh was unlikely to prevent the Bundesbank raising interest rates at its Thursday meeting.

Gold trading remained quiet in Europe with dealers generally looking to US markets for direction. Bullion was set at \$390.60 an ounce in the London price fixing compared to a previous close of \$389.75.

## Quiet

Oil business was quiet. North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude, firmed a shade to around \$16.50 a barrel for April delivery, from 16.15 on Friday.

The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond was quoted in London around 97-20/32 per cent, yielding 9.23 per cent.

On Friday, Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average closed 43.92 points lower at 2,245.54 after the Federal Reserve (Central Bank) raised the discount rate, at which it lends short-term to banks, to seven per cent from 6.5 per cent.

Earlier today, Tokyo shares closed lower as investors took

their profits from an early surge. The Nikkei average was down 166.72 points, or 0.51 per cent, at the close to 32,285.77.

Wall Street's decline took stocks sharply lower in Hong Kong and Sydney.

Currency dealers in London said the Fed's tightening of US interest rates was too little, too late and the markets were already looking for the next round of European rate rises.

## Decline

In London, the FTSE 100 share index back its losses even further in the run up to the 1700 GMT official close as Wall Street turned its early small fall into a modest gain. By the close the FTSE 100 share index was down 22.8 points to 1,996.7. Turnover in trading shares was 413.8 million for the day.

A number of leading shares were quoted ex-dividend today, which added significantly to today's decline. BP fell 12p to 261, Rank Organisation 25p to 874, Midland 21p to 433. Nat-

west 24p to 569 and Grand Met 15p to 516, all ex-dividend.

Cons Gold was down 17p to 1,443, also ex-dividend and responding to news there would be no full cash alternative to Minorco's £3.2 billion renewed, hostile bid.

Dealers have said Minorco's offer would be more attractive to Cons Gold shareholders if a higher cash element were involved. Minorco today published its formal offer document. Cons Gold has two weeks to publish its defence document.

Brewer Scottish and Newcastle moved strongly against the trend to rise 14p to 443 on continuing speculation the hostile £1.6 billion bid from Australia's Elders IXL will be given the go ahead by the Monopolies Commission.

The commission's report is due to go to Britain's Trade Department early in March and is likely to be published, along with the results of another investigation into the UK beer industry, by mid-to-late March.

## Gulf Bank weekly market review

## KD market remains subdued

## Kuwaiti dinar

Based on last week opening middle market foreign exchange rates, the KD exchange rate was slightly easier against the dollar ending the week at 287.70 fils compared with its week before last closing of 287.20 fils.

The KD was firmer against the pound sterling, ending the week at 504.28 fils compared with its week before last closing of 508.94 fils.

The KD was easier against the mark ending the week at 156.97 fils compared with its week before last closing of 155.79 fils. The KD was slightly easier against Swiss franc ending the week at 183.95 fils compared with its week before last closing at 183.63 fils.

The KD was also slightly easier against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 534.76 fils compared with its week and remained almost unchanged against other GCC countries.

The KD money market especially short-dated eased over the week as compared to the previous week rate as end of month salaries created more liquidity in the market.

## World stocks

Wall Street stock prices moved lower over last week, falling on news of a higher than expected US consumer price rise in January and dropping sharply further, hurt by rising interest rates which were forced up by the discount rate rise, thus making interest bearing investment instruments more attractive than stocks.

The climbing interest rates also raised fears that the Fed may have tightened monetary policy too far, forcing the economy to slide into a recession later this year.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2,236 and closed sharply lower at 2,246, about the same level the market index closed at, on the Friday before the market crash, Monday, October 19, 1987, recording a sharp loss of 79 points over the previous week's closing of 2,225.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange firmed earlier in the week, helped by UK January sterling M4 bank and building society lending which pointed to a slowdown in consumer demand, but ended the week lower after Wall Street slumped in response to US discount and prime rate hikes.

The FTSE-100 opened the week at 2,065 and closed lower at 2,037, but recorded a gain of 3 points over the previous week's closing of 2,034.

## US dollar

The US dollar weakened further last week and ended the week lower against other currencies as a half point rise in the Fed's discount rate to 7 per cent was more than offset by expecta-

tions of higher European interest rates. Against the mark it fell to its lowest close in more than a month but was stable against the yen.

The dollar is expected to weaken further this week as the rise in the US discount rate failed to reverse negative sentiment towards it. A rise in West German interest rates this week would erase the new interest rate differential, thus weakening the US currency.

## Japanese yen

The yen opened the week against the dollar at 127.00/05 yen and closed higher at 126.05/10 although it was lower compared to its week before last closing of 125.80/90 yen. Trading for most part of the week was quiet and the yen traded aimlessly with traders reluctant to take large positions as the market lacked fresh incentives to push the yen against the dollar.

However, this did not last long as active purchases by the Japanese life insurers for the dollar put a downward pressure on the yen. Japanese life insurers continued to buy the dollar down to the point where the yen is limited. Hence their purchases are seen to lock in future profits.

**Swiss franc**

The Swiss franc opened the week against the dollar at 1.5670/75 francs and closed higher at 1.5190/20 francs compared to its week before last closing of 1.5255/85, as it was buoyed by short-covering and better than expected trade figures which showed the trade deficit narrowing to 2.2 billion francs in January from 4.8 billion francs in December.

French GDF grew 3.6 percent in 1988, up from 2.5 percent in 1987, according to preliminary figures. Finance Minister Beregovoy said he and his German counterpart Stoltenberg had stressed their commitment to fight inflation at the 4th Franco-German economic council meeting. They cited US and UK inflation rates as worrying signs of a reviving world price trend towards higher prices.

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## 'Comprehensive oil industry vital'

## Al Wattari tells Arabs to adopt new type of economic bloc

By Mahmoud Abedin

ACTING Secretary-General of OAPEC, Abdul Aziz Al Wattari has called upon Arab countries to adopt a new type of economic alliance based upon certain economic sectors. He said that the current international developments necessitate that the Arab nations adopt this concept of economic alliance.

He also called for a revision of current methods of Arab economic co-operation, and for founding true Arab economic establishments similar to those of the European Economic Community.

**Alliance**

Citing the example of an alliance between six European countries producing coal and steel in 1951, Al Wattari said that OAPEC could form an ideal nucleus for a prospective Arab

economic alliance, as the oil industry in the Arab world resembles the coal and steel industries in Europe.

Al Wattari said that by adopting such a method, the Arab world can achieve true economic integration in the future, similar to what the EEC members had achieved.

He said that Arab oil can play its actual developmental role by establishing a comprehensive Arab oil industry with the cooperation of Arab countries.

Meanwhile, OAPEC monthly bulletin has said consumption trends indicate that the shift away from oil has run its course. One can read a certain degree of maturation, or saturation, in the stabilization of the drift away from oil.

Oil will once again take a bigger slice of new demand for energy because the obstacles

inherent in the consumption of coal and nuclear power have become more relevant as their use expanded.

The campaign to reduce the role of oil in the world's energy mix has become economically justified.

The relative advantage of oil and gas has prevailed. Predictions of the role of nuclear and coal in satisfying future demand for energy have been continuously scaled down.

## Change

Foremost among the strongly related factors causing the change in trend are safety, ecology, and cost. Safety, waste disposal problems, and underestimated costs of changing systems and decommissioning have taken their toll with regard to the aspirations of the nuclear lobby.

Sweden's decision to scrap its nuclear plants over the next two

decades, the slowdown in nuclear programmes in the USA, the UK, the USSR and even France, are clear evidence.

Where coal is concerned, the main environmental advantage of oil and gas is their smaller contribution to carbon dioxide emissions. Scientists are already studying the impact of green house effect on the environment.

The cost of supplying coal is also showing a rising trend, which in turn affects its market price. The price for oil, on the other

## Dear Junior Readers,

Expressing yourself may sometimes be very difficult, especially when you are short of time or are writing about a subject you are not fond of.

School is not the only place you should depend on to expand your vocabulary.

Reading is a very good way to learn new words and see how they can be put into use. It is essential, however, to keep a dictionary within arms reach to discover the meanings of all new words.

If you are bored and do not feel like reading a full story, try putting a dictionary on your lap and opening a page at random. With your eyes closed place your finger on the page wherever you please and open your eyes to see the word.

If you already know the word, try again.

If the word is new to you, write it down in a special note book, with its meaning and make up three sentences. Try to use this word in your sentences at least ten times during the day. This way it will stick.

You will soon find that you have learnt many new words which will come as a great help when writing school essays or describing a scene or programme to your family and friends.

Manal

## About March

### Beginning of spring

MARCH is the month when spring begins. When hedgehogs wake from winter sleep and the fields are full of young lambs. Then the 'mad March hare' jumps about courting his mate and overhead the wild geese fly.

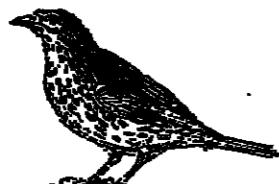
Easter is often in the second half of March, but its date varies according to a complicated system. Christians celebrate Christ's resurrection and give Easter eggs because eggs are a symbol of re-birth.

Simnel cakes are made at Easter. A man and his wife, Sim and Nell, mixed cake and then argued about whether to boil or to bake it. Finally, they agreed to boil it first and afterwards to bake it. It turned out so well that they called it Simnel cake.

The 17 March is the feast day of St Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. A legend tells how he chased all the snakes from Ireland, and it is a fact that there are no snakes there.

When March is well in it is often warm enough to play out of doors.

## Musical bird



### The song thrush

YOU can see and hear the song thrush all the year round. People sometimes confuse it with the missel thrush, although the song thrush is smaller and brighter. It has a brown back and a buff breast with spots. It is found in gardens, hedge-tops. It has a musical song which sounds rather like 'Did he do it? ... Did he do it?' It likes to eat snails. Its eggs are turquoise blue, spotted with black. They are laid mainly in April and May in a neatly built nest, woven from grasses, roots, twigs and leaves, and lined with rotten wood or dung. You will find thrushes' nests in bushes, trees and creepers.



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# The magic poppy

Continued from Thursday

"Can you knock? — twice, please," the Poppy asked, in his muffled booming voice, as we hovered for a moment beside it. I leaned forward and knocked. There was a rattle of bolts on the inside, the door opened, and we floated through into the dim cool room beyond.

When I became accustomed to the poor light, I saw that the room was crowded with people; and what very strange people they were. All sizes and shapes, thicknesses and heights. One figure, standing in deep shadow in the corner, looked more like a very large grasshopper than a man.

Over by the window, which was shuttered on the inside, stood two extremely tall soldiers.

They were quite a bright green all over, and so thin and spindly they could easily have been mistaken for sticks. Then there were other figures, almost as strange: courtiers, soldiers, and some small rather fat little people, dressed entirely in grey leather. In fact, looking closely at them, I'm not sure their faces weren't of leather too.

Standing in the centre of the room was a young woman, with a pale face and long greenish-coloured hair. Her dress was light green too, and covered with pearls and precious stones. On her head was a silver crown.

"Your Majesty!" the Poppy said, bending his stalk in the middle, and practically touching the floor with his heavy head of petals.

"Your Majesty, I have brought you a visitor!"

"Good morning, ma'am," I said politely, although I couldn't help



staring at her long green hair. The Queen, of course it was she, came over to me, and took me by the hand.

"What is your name?" she said softly. I told her, and where I lived, and how by chance I had seen the Giant Slantingriel, or anyway his legs.

"My wicked step-brother," she said sadly, "the two-headed Giant Slantingriel: wicked and cruel. He forces me and my court — those that are left — to stay in this tower day after day. He has stolen the Magic Looking-Glass and the Silver Pipe. He has carried off my husband the King to the Giant's Castle beneath the mountains; and now he roams the beautiful country of Farrenfeugh, pillaging and destroying wherever he goes."

She covered her face with her hands and began to weep bitterly.

The courtiers crowded round her and tried to comfort her. I felt very sorry for her, and wondered how such a beautiful creature could have a two-headed giant for a brother.

"I'd like to help you," I said, "if I can. But..."

"We must somehow find the King," the grasshopper person interrupted from the corner.

"Once our King is sitting on his throne again, Slantingriel will lose his

power. But to find the King we must have the Silver Pipe," he added.

"He took it from me again this morning," sighed the Queen, drying her eyes.

The Poppy, who had been listening to this conversation, with his head bent forward, straightened himself, and began to twirl round on his stalk. Then he called out in a surprisingly loud voice,

"Silver Pipe — Silver Pipe — hear me now, and tell us where you are!" Someone opened the shutters and everyone turned his head expectantly towards the window. We stood waiting silently. I wondered what was going to happen. Below us the trees whispered amongst themselves, swaying a little in the summer breeze. Suddenly, silvery piping, very high and sweet, falling like angels' music upon the ear, swelled out from somewhere deep in the forest.

"There it is!" the Poppy cried. "He's hidden it somewhere in the forest. Come, child! We must find it quickly."

"And where will you go then?" The Queen clasped her hands together anxiously.

"To find the King, beneath the mountains. Who else can go, Your Majesty?"

The Poppy's voice sounded strong and sure, and I began to tremble with anticipation and excitement.

"Climb up, child, and fold my petals over you for warmth; it is cold where we are going." I did as the Poppy asked; we said good-bye to the Queen and her court and floated out through the open window.

The tinkling fragile music



Showed us the way to follow, and we soon found the Silver Pipe playing sweetly in a tangle of briar. The bush was very prickly, and the Pipe difficult to reach, but in the end I had it in my hand, and we soared away high above the trees.

"If we had the Magic Looking-Glass as well ..." the Poppy said. But he left the sentence unfinished, as if that were more difficult.

"But why does he hide them?" I asked. "Why doesn't he take them with him?"

"They are only magic for a Farrenfeugh person," the Poppy explained gently.

"But I'm not a Farrenfeugh person: I heard the Pipe."

"Part of you must be — I heard you singing one of our songs!" I thought about that for a moment. Then I said:

"But why does he hide them?"

"To stop us from using

them, of course. What questions you ask. He doesn't know that they always answer if they are called."

"Oh! I see," I said.

I didn't, really: there were lots of things I didn't see at all. But the Poppy's voice boomed indistinctly, as if I were sitting in a large bell, and it was difficult to hear what he was saying. So I sat there, snug and warm, peering out from time to time, wondering where we were. Far beneath us I could see hills and woods, mountains and sometimes the distant sea. Now and then I thought I saw a group of fields, or a house or a cottage that I recognized, but I was never quite sure.

After what seemed a long time, the Poppy began to float downwards. I poked my head out and saw that we had arrived at the edge of a huge frozen lake, surrounded by dark trees.

(To be continued)

## Ha! Ha!

Why are ghosts cowards?  
'Cos they've got no guts.

What would you see at a chicken show?  
Hentertainment.

How do you stop a cockerel crowing on Sunday?  
Cook him on Saturday.

Why do idiots eat biscuits?  
Because they're crackers.

What is striped and goes round and round?  
A zebra in a revolving door.

What is green and hairy and goes up and down?  
A gooseberry in a lift.

Where was King Solomon's Temple?  
On his forehead.

What do you call an American drawing?  
A Yankee Doodle.

Why party game did Jekyll like best?  
Hyde and Seek.

What's tall and smells nice?  
A giraffe-odil.

What dance do ducks prefer?  
A quackstep.

Why do bears wear fur coats?  
They look silly in plastic maces.

If all the cars in Britain were pink, what would you have?  
A car-nation.

What is brown, has four feet, a hump and is found in Alaska?  
A lost camel.

Where did the policeman live?  
Nine nine nine Let's-Be Avenue.

## Poems by you

### Little babies

Little babies, little babies,  
Soft, little, infant babies  
sleeping in the cot  
with toys got from the loft.  
Drinking milk from the bottle  
and playing with toys which make a lot of rattle  
Little babies, little babies.

Lying in a soft little blanket  
with a chain and pink colour locket  
wearing a beautiful pink dress  
and dropping drops of milk making a mess.  
With soft little infant legs and hands  
they play the music band.

Geetika  
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### Teddy bears

Teddy bears, teddy bears  
soft little teddy bears,  
some lie on the table,  
some sleep in the cradle.  
Furry little toys,  
soft little toys,  
best for children of their age.  
Soft, little, teddy bears.

Teddy bears are so soft,  
wonder why mummy keeps them in the loft.  
Little bunny bear driving his car,  
little cookie maid cooking in the bar.  
Those soft, little, curly teddy bears.  
Furry ears and furry tails  
Cute little teddy bears  
Soft little, teddy bears.

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## Colour me



## Happy birthday

Shalima Yousaf celebrates her birthday on March 1. Many happy returns from mum, dad and brother Fahad.

## Collection corner

### Comics

THE first comic strip appeared in an English magazine in 1847, and the first comic paper in 1874. Nowadays, people enjoy collecting old comics, and a year or two ago there was even an exhibition of them in London. You probably already have quite a lot of your own saved up at home, and you'll find it interesting to ask your father what sort of comics he had and whether he has any old ones he has treasured.

Early comics were amusing, with Comic Cuts and Chips running from 1890 to 1953. Others like Hotspur and Magnet contained stories and serials which appealed to schoolboys in particular. Puck and The Rainbow were other favourites with small children, but gradually gave way to Mickey Mouse and his own comic which started in 1936. America introduced Superman and Batman at the end of the 1930s, while England was

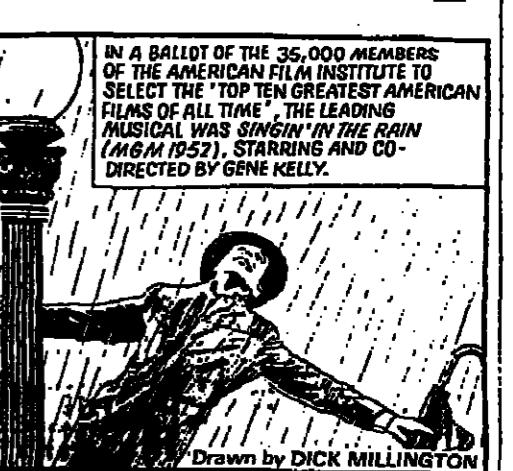
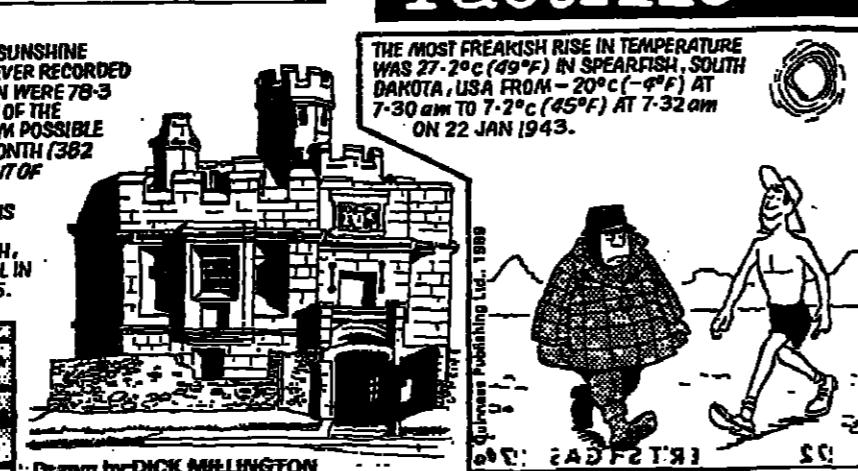
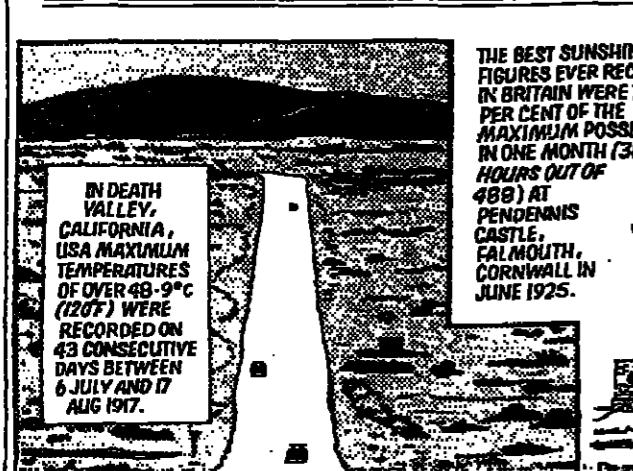
enjoying Film Fun and Radio Fun featuring favourite characters in amusing situations. In the 1940s, Eagle, Girl and Robin were introduced and they combined colourful strips with stories and general information. And early versions of the educational magazine was The Children's Newspaper, and in the last few years there have been many children's magazines or comics which have been mainly educational.

Comic magazines have continued with Cor. Whizzer & Chips, Beano and Dandy, but there are now more papers featuring favourite pop stars. In the comic papers, the same characters go on appearing for years, but in pop papers, they change very quickly. If you collect them for a year or two, you will be surprised at the difference. Try to keep comics flat and clean, and arrange them in order of issue.

Superman, Billy Bunter and Mickey Mouse appeared regularly in favourite comics



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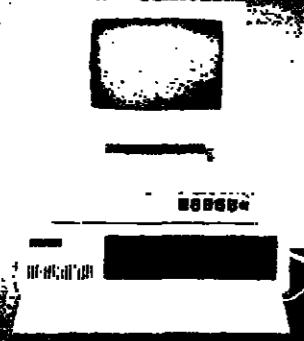
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## Garrison overwhelms Savchenko

OAKLAND, Feb 27. (Reuters) Third seed Zina Garrison overwhelmed fourth seed Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union 6-1 6-1 yesterday to win the \$250,000 California women's tennis tournament for the second time in three years.

The American, ranked eighth in the world, was far sharper than Savchenko, who appeared to suffer a letdown after upsetting top seed Martina Navratilova 6-1 6-4 on Saturday in the semifinals.

The speedy Garrison, who last week lost the Washington final to world number one Steffi Graf of West Germany, attributed her victory to superior physical conditioning.

"I am in the best shape I've been in for a long time," said Garrison, who earned \$50,000. "I think my speed helped me a lot because I was able to run down a lot of shots that would have been winners against other players."

"I also think she might have used a lot of her energy in yesterday's win."

### Problems

Garrison broke the erratic Soviet twice in the first set — in the fourth game with a well-placed topspin lob and in the sixth game on a double-fault from the 16th-ranked Savchenko. The American saved the only break point Savchenko could manage with a service ace.

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Garrison controlled the second set in the same fashion as the first, as she rushed the net at every opportunity and captured Savchenko's serve three times.

"Garrison played better than Martina and my concentration was a little off," said Savchenko.

## Karpov takes Linares chess tourney lead

LINALES, Spain, Feb 27. (Reuters) Former world chess champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union moved into the lead in an international chess tournament yesterday, as compatriot Vassily Ivanchuk adjourned his seventh round match.

Karpov beat Iceland's Jóhann Hjartarson in 35 moves in a Ruy Lopez opening while Ivanchuk adjourned after 40 moves against Andrei Sokolov of the Soviet Union.

Ivanchuk has the advantage and a pawn more and was in a position to get back on terms with Karpov when adjourned games are completed this evening.

### Drew

Artur Yusupov of the Soviet Union drew against Jan Timman of the Netherlands in a Slav defence after 34 moves and Alexander Beliavsky of the Soviet Union drew with Nigel Short of Britain in a queen's gambit after 10 moves.

Standings after the seventh round:

1. Karpov — five points; 2. Ivanchuk four points (one game adjourned); 3. Ljubojević — points; 4. Yusupov — 3-1/2 ; 5. Short, Gulko — two (two games adjourned); 7. Hjartarson — two (one adjourned); 9. Porte — two points (one adjourned); Beliavsky — two points; 10. Sokolov — 1-1/2 points (two adjourned).
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## Becker blasts Mayotte for title



Becker feels he is playing at his best

PHILADELPHIA, Feb 27. (UPI) At the ripe old age of 21, Boris Becker credits his experience with making him a better player on the pro tennis tour.

"Even though I'm only 21, I feel older," said Becker, who won his second straight tournament yesterday with a 7-6 (7-4), 6-1, 6-3 victory over two-time defending champion Tim Mayotte in the \$602,500 Ebel US Pro Indoor Tennis Championships.

"I played here four years ago and not many other players on the tour can say that. Plus my career went through so many stages. I won Wimbledon so early, then I had some setbacks but I came back. That helps you to see things in perspective."

### Career

"All these things make me looser on the court. I'm not as tight as I used to be. I go out and give it my all and if I win, great. If I don't, I'm not as down as I used to be."

Becker, the second seed who won a tournament in Milan, Italy, last week, triumphed for the 15th time in 16 matches this year and improved his career record in championship finals to 21-7.

He credits eight weeks of practice after the US Open for his recent surge.

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## Knicks score 21st straight home win

NEW YORK, Feb 27. (AP) Jimmy Rodgers saw some of the 1985-86 Boston Celtics in the 1988-89 New York Knicks.

"There's a cockiness and confidence that goes with winning, and that attitude snowballs," the Celtics coach said after the Knicks beat Boston 122-110 yesterday for their 21st consecutive home victory.

Rodgers was an assistant on the 1985-86 Boston team that went 40-1 at home, finished the season with a 31-game home winning streak and went on to win an NBA record 38 straight at Boston Garden.

The Knicks erased the Madison Square Garden record of 20 straight wins. The mark was set in 1968-69 and matched in 1972-73, the last year the team won an NBA championship.

"Any team that wins consistently at home the way the Knicks have is going to have that advantage that they won't lose at home," Rodgers said. "The Celts were the same way in 1986."

Mark Jackson had 28 points and 11 assists and Patrick Ewing finished with 26 points. 13

### Pacers 128, Jazz 89

Indiana won its second straight game after a 12-game losing streak, routing Midwest Division-leading Utah.

Rik Smits and Chuck Person had 10 points each as the Pacers outscored the Jazz 42-22 in the third period, Indiana's most productive quarter of the season.

### Pistons 110, Clippers 93

Detroit handed Los Angeles its 28th loss in 29 games as Bill Laimbeer scored 15 of his 19 points in the first quarter and Mark Aguirre had 17 in his first start for the Pistons.

Isiah Thomas led the Pistons with 21 points, while Ken Norman had 22 and Gary Grant 20 for the Clippers.

### Blazers 124, Heat 102

Portland won for the first time since Rick Adelman took over as coach on Feb 18 as Clyde Drexler had 26 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

It was the 10th time in his career and second straight game that Drexler reached double figures in all three categories. In the Blazers' loss at Cleveland it was the 10th time in his career and second straight game that Drexler reached double figures in all three categories. In the Blazers' loss at Cleveland

players to win the Ebel tournament three straight times.

"I had a great week," said Mayotte, who took home \$61,900. "I hit the ball well and I felt relaxed on the court. It's a disappointment not to win but it's a nice addition to the early part of my season."

Serving for the match, Becker, who won his first of two Wimbledons at the age of 18, did not allow Mayotte a point as he triumphed with a bullet forehand that Mayotte could not handle.

Mayotte, ranked No. 12 in the world, netted a forehand after a volley shot by Becker to lose his serve and fall behind 5-3 in the third set after trailing 15-40 when he hit a volley into the net.

After taking a 40-0 lead, Mayotte suddenly had trouble getting his first serve in and Becker took advantage with a service break that evened the set at 3-3. Mayotte saved one break point but Becker took advantage of the second with a return of a second serve that Mayotte hit into the net.

Mayotte recorded his first service break of the match to go ahead 2-1 when Becker hit a forehand wide after catching Mayotte out of position with a volley.

Becker whistled a backhand passing shot down the line to break Mayotte for the third time in the net.

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### RUGBY

## French coach opts for power against England

PARIS, Feb 27. (Reuters) French coach Jacques Fouroux yesterday put his faith in the power of the pack when he named his side for the Five Nations Rugby Union Championship clash against England in London on Saturday.

Fouroux made three changes to his forward line-up in a bid to counter the powerful English forwards in a match which could decide the championship.

He recalled prop Claude Portolan, who weighs a massive 120 kgs, for his second cap and named another giant, Laurent Rodriguez, at number eight following his recovery from injury. Marc Cecillon, dropped for the 31-12 rout of Wales, also returns.

### Thrilling

The French are on course for the Grand Slam after thrilling wins against Ireland and Wales inspired by dazzling full-back Serge Blanco and will win the championship if they triumph at Twickenham and Scotland lose at home to Ireland the same day.

With slight injury doubts hanging over Alain Lorieux and Philippe Sella, Fouroux will name his definite line-up after tomorrow's training session.

## Indians and Tigers outlast opponents

INDIANS overcame a tough Cubs side 15-9 in a Kuwait Little League baseball game on Friday.

The Cubs looked good with Nader bringing in Adil and Basir with his single in the first inning. Afia was a big hitter, getting a double and a single each time at bat. Floran did his usual good job for the team getting on base with a single in the second and fourth innings.

Mayotte had the opportunity to even the set in the previous game but he failed to take advantage of four break points, allowing Becker to hold serve when he hit a forehand long.

Becker used a service return winner to take the first-set tie-breaker 7-4. The same shot had given him a 4-2 lead in the tie-breaker and he went ahead 6-3 on an ace and a serving winner before Mayotte staved off one set point with a volley.

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Meshal Al Khabbaz, the Indian pitcher, had another great day with a homerun in the second inning bringing in 1 run and then a single in the third and fourth bringing in 3 runs. The Astros scored nine runs in that inning. The Mets scored six. Gibran Hamdan had a nice hit bringing in 2 runs and Shadet Koubaissi's hit brought in 2 runs.

**Strong**

In the second inning everyone scored. For the Astros 8 batters were walked to first. Ryan Fox had a single, bringing in 1 run. Justin Bolling then hit a triple, bringing in 3 runs. The Astros scored nine runs in that inning.

The Mets held the Astros in the third inning when Haithem Al Rijab scored for the Mets. In the final inning, the Astros looked strong. Rahman Al Salem got on base with a walk, stole around to third and made it home on Ziad Al Sabah's single. For the Mets it was Tareq Al Ghareeb who scored.

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**Cardinals**

The Cardinals and Royals played some excellent baseball. The Royals started off strong, leading at the end of the first inning 4-0. Shab Badau and Mohammed Khan were brought in by Shemlan Khajah's double. Then Jason Zepian's double brought in Shemlan. Jimmy Riley had a nice single bringing in Jason and the Royals got off to a great start. The Cardinals defense held the Royals to 0 runs in the second and third innings but the fourth inning Mohammed had a triple, bringing in 2 runners and Shemlan's double brought in Mohammed. The fifth inning it was 3 batters up and 3 batters down. The Royals had to settle for a final score of 7 runs.

**Final**

The final game for the day was between the Blue Jays and Mariners. In the first inning, the Blue Jays' Karen Nakshabendi had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Karen in. In the second inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the third inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the fourth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the fifth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the sixth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the seventh inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the eighth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the ninth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the tenth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the eleventh inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the twelfth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the thirteenth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the fourteenth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the fifteenth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the sixteenth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the seventeenth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the eighteenth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the nineteenth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the twentieth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the twenty-first inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the twenty-second inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the twenty-third inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the twenty-fourth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the twenty-fifth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the twenty-sixth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the twenty-seventh inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the twenty-eighth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the twenty-ninth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the thirtieth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the thirty-first inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the thirty-second inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the thirty-third inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the thirty-fourth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the thirty-fifth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the thirty-sixth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the thirty-seventh inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the thirty-eighth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the thirty-ninth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the forty-inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the forty-second inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the forty-third inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the forty-fourth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the forty-fifth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the forty-sixth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the forty-seventh inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the forty-eighth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the forty-ninth inning, Shatir Hamdan had a single and and Mazin Shati's single brought Shatir in. In the fifty-inning, Shatir Hamdan had

**SPORTS****SPORTS BRIEFS****Malhotra Trophy**

THE finals of the "Malhotra Trophy" cricket tournament organised by the Unity Cricketers will be played on Friday at the New Ground in Ahmed. Kifco meet Falcon in this full day 45-overs-a-side encounter at 9.00 am. Umpires nominated will be from Unity. The chief guest is Bhupinder Nath Malhotra and the prize distribution will be held in the evening the same day.

**Indian cricketer**

NEW DELHI, Feb 27. (Reuter): The family of a man allegedly beaten to death by Indian Test cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu is seeking to overturn a court's decision to grant him bail in a move that would allow him to tour the West Indies.

**Cup qualifier**

PARIS, Feb 27. (Reuter): French team chief Michel Platini today named a mixture of youth and experience for the vital World Cup soccer qualifier against Scotland in Glasgow on March 8.

**Cricket chief**

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 27. (Reuter): South African cricket chief Alf Bacher said today he would urge English players to continue their links with this racially-divided republic despite the threat of an international ban if they do.

**Defensive role**

MUNICH, West Germany, Feb 27. (Reuter): Bayern Munich coach Jupp Heynckes is banking on new signing Erland Johnsen from Norway playing a key defensive role on his debut in the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup tomorrow.

**W. German athlete**

BONN, Feb 27. (Reuter): West Germany's Olympic 100 metres hurdles bronze medallist Claudia Zaczkiewicz has pulled out of the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Budapest starting on Friday.

**Pace bowler**

LONDON, Feb 27. (Reuter): Surrey have signed Queensland left-arm pace bowler Dirk Tzaelar for this year's county cricket season as a backup for West Indian Sylvester Clarke.

**Shield cricket**

PERTH, Australia, Feb 27. (Reuter): Scores on the fourth and final day of the four-day Sheffield Shield cricket match between Western Australia and Queensland today, Queensland 291 and 17 for two declared (Graeme Wood 119 not out, Ken MacLeay 70), Match drawn.

**Tenerife Open**

LAGUNA, Tenerife, Feb 27. (Reuter): Overnight leader Jose-Maria Olazabal fired birdies on each of the first three holes of the final round of the Tenerife Open yesterday and never looked back. The Spaniard finished with a final round of 70 and a 13-under-par total of 275 to win by three strokes from countryman Jose-Maria Canizares and Englishman David Gilford.

**Crowd control**

ESTORIL, Portugal, Feb 27. (Reuter): Organisers have gone to unprecedented lengths to tighten crowd control for the Portuguese motor rally starting tomorrow after the death of three people in recent years.

**INTIKHAB ALAM ACCUSES NEW ZEALAND UMPIRES OF BIAS****Kiwis try to keep Pakistani spinners at bay**

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb 27. (Reuters): New Zealand batsmen doggedly fought Pakistan's spin attack today in an effort which may have saved them the third and final Test.

New Zealand were 360 for seven at the close of the fourth day, still 256 behind Pakistan's first innings total of 616 for five declared. Ian Smith was on 37 and Jeff Crowe on 26.

Play was punctuated by concerted appeals to umpires Brian Aldridge and Steve Woodward who were at times surrounded by the entire Pakistan team apart from captain Imran Khan.

Team manager Intikhab Alam later accused the umpires of bias and said it had reduced Pakistan's chance of winning. "At times it was biased," he told reporters.

**Neutral**

He said five or six decisions went against Pakistan. "It was bad, categorically I would say that."

Intikhab repeated the plea he made after the second Test for neutral umpires.

"There's something got to be done. This great game is suffering because of this," he said.

He was not critical of the Pakistani players' methods of appealing. "I don't think it's threatening when it was 200 per cent out," he said.

New Zealand Cricket Council member Peter McDermott said he was staggered by the com-



Martin Crowe blunted the Pakistan attack



Qadir put on a fascinating display

ments, calling them premature.

The NZCC has complete confidence in the umpires approved. We are amazed a visiting manager should talk of bias."

Asked to comment on the Pakistani behaviour, he said: "We were dismayed to see the dissent to the extent we did."

On a pitch taking increasing

turn and still providing bounce, Abdul Qadir provided a fascinating display of the leg-spinners' art.

New Zealand began the day with a perilous overnight score of 133 for four but Martin Crowe and Mark Greatbatch appeared to have played them to safety until just before tea when Pakis-

tan achieved a dramatic three-wicket breakthrough.

Saint Jaffer broke the fighting 154-run fifth wicket stand when he had Crowe taken by keeper Salmi Yousaf down the legside for 78. Qadir took the next two wickets with consecutive balls and went to the interval on a hat-trick.

He bowled Greatbatch for 76, playing across the line, and undid John Bracewell in similar fashion with a googly.

Martin Crowe and Greatbatch had blunted the Pakistan attack until the collapse.

Crowe, off to a slow start in the morning, launched into the attack in the afternoon, cracking

**Osasuna dent Barcelona's title hopes**

MADRID, Feb 27. (Reuter): Barcelona's first home defeat this year, 2-1 against humble Osasuna yesterday, could cost them dear in the fight for Spanish Soccer League honours.

In West Germany, Bayern Munich kept their unbeaten record intact with a 3-2 win over Karlsruhe to stay four points clear of defending champions Werder Bremen.

A 64th minute goal from West German international midfielder Norbert Meier gave Werder a win over Kaiserslautern but their Dutch international Ruud Gullit refused to be dismayed.

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Internazionale stayed two points clear at the top of the League with Aldo Serena scoring twice in their 3-0 win at Pisa, while second-placed Napoli beat Lecce 4-0 at home.

"Of course we were all thinking about Wednesday a bit," admitted striker Karl-Heinz Riedle. "You don't push yourself right to the limits in that situation."

AC Milan showed no such reserve in their Italian League match yesterday when they turned in a brilliant performance to crush Pescara 6-1.

Two of their goals came from

veteran Pietro Paolo Virdis but both he and defender Paolo Maldini will miss Wednesday's European clash because of suspension.

**Dismayed**

Also likely to be missing through injury are Filippo Galli and Mauro Tassotti, but their Dutch international Ruud Gullit refused to be dismayed.

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A last-minute goal by Fred van der Hoorn gave Den Bosch a 2-2 home draw against leaders PSV Eindhoven in the Dutch First Division.

However, second-placed Ajax Amsterdam failed to take advantage, managing only an uninspired 1-1 draw at home to FC

Twente to allow PSV to maintain their five-point lead.

Meanwhile, Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona yesterday hosted at his team's San Paolo stadium in Naples a 15-year-old sports fan hospitalised on New Year's Eve after being attacked by hooligans following a match.

David Fornaroli of Cremona, in northern Italy, and his father Gastone, watched Maradona's Napoli crush Lecce, after meeting the star in the locker room. The youth kicked a ball back and forth with Maradona before thousands in pre-game warm-ups.

"It's absurd that a boy has to risk his life for a soccer game because of the misdeeds of pseudo-fans," said Maradona, a longtime advocate of non-violence on and off the field. Fornaroli was beaten up by hooligans on Dec 31 in Brescia after attending an away match of his hometown team, Cremona.

Soccer violence flared yesterday in northern Cesena after a game between that city's team and Turin's Juventus. Soccer violence flared yesterday in northern Cesena after a game between that city's team and Turin's Juventus.

**Benfica struggle past Belenenses**

LISBON, Feb 27. (Reuter): A last-gasp goal gave leaders Benfica a 1-0 win over Belenenses in the Portuguese First Division yesterday while Porto maintained their challenge with a 5-0 rout of Famalicão.

Angolan striker Vata Garcia headed the winner two minutes from time from a Diamantino free-kick after Benfica looked set to drop a point having seen three earlier efforts disallowed.

**Fewer**

Benfica remain five points clear of Porto with 11 games left.

Porto encountered fewer problems against a struggling Algarve side who have yet to win since Englishman Malcolm Allison took over as manager five weeks ago.

In Lausanne, Switzerland, there is hope and conviction that this — the most publicised of all drug tests — will help eradicate the problem that Dubin has called the greatest threat to amateur sport.

**Scotland select Gillespie for World Cup qualifier**

GLASGOW, Scotland, Feb 27. (Reuter): Liverpool defender Gary Gillespie, who has yet to play in a losing Scotland side, won a recall to the World Cup soccer squad yesterday after recovering from a serious knee injury.

Gillespie, 28, who won the last of his four caps in the 2-1 win over Norway last September, was included in manager Andy Roxburgh's 20-man squad for next Wednesday's European Group Five qualifier against France at Hampden Park.

Roxburgh has made three changes to the squad which travelled to Cyprus where Scotland won 3-2 earlier this month.

Gillespie, Rangers striker Ally McCoist, and Manchester United midfielder Gordon Strachan return in place of Alan McInally of Aston Villa, Hearts'

three fours in one Qadir over as he raced towards his 50.

Crowe's 78 came in just over four hours and included 10 fours. Greatbatch's 76 was scored in similar time and included 12 fours.

Smith and Jeff Crowe later battled to revive the innings and safely negotiated the final session, with their 50 partnership coming in a smart 79 minutes.

The first Test was abandoned because of rain and the second was drawn.

**Scoreboard**

PAKISTAN first innings 616 for five declared (Javed Miandad 271, Shoaib Mohammad 112, Salim Yousaf 80 not out, Imran Khan 69 not out)

NEW ZEALAND first innings (overnight 133 for four)

R. Vance c Shoaib Mohammad b Abdul Qadir 68

J. Wright c Aliwan-uz-Zaman b Taseef Ahmed 2

A. Jones run out 47

M. Crowe c Salim Yousaf b Salim Jaffer 78

S. Boock c Madsar Nazar b Abdul Qadir 3

M. Greatbatch c Abdul Qadir 76

J. Crowe not out 0

J. Bracewell b Abdul Qadir 26

I. Smith not out 37

Extras (nb-9 b-7 lb-2) 18

Total (seven wickets) 360

Fall of wickets: 132-5 286 6-294 7-294

To bat: R. Hadlee, E. Chatfield,

Bowling: Salim Jaffer 18-6-44-1 (3-2), Imran Khan 21-6-61-0, Taseef Ahmed 64-25-102-1, Abdul Qadir 51-13-156-4 (6-6), Shoaib Mohammad 2-1-1-0, Madsar Nazar 3-1-7-0.

Glasson holds on to clinch Doral crown

MIAMI, Feb 27. (Reuter): Bill Glasson held on to win the \$1.3 million Doral Open golf tournament by one stroke over Fred Couples yesterday despite three back-nine bogeys.

"Actually I played very poorly," said Glasson, who shot a final round even par 72 for a 13-under-par 275 total.

"It's great to win but it's tarnished by the way I played, especially from the ninth hole on," he said after collecting \$234,000 for his fourth career victory in six years on the US Tour.

Glasson was tied for the lead with Mark Calcavecchia through 13 holes. But Calcavecchia bogeyed the 14th and suffered a cruel double bogey six on the final hole when his second shot drifted left and sailed into the water.

"I played great on the front nine and felt I had everything under control, but I got rattled after three-putting the 11th hole for a bogey," said Calcavecchia, who shot a two-over 74 and finished tied for third place with Curtis Strange and Bruce Lietzke at 10-under 278.

Calcavecchia shot an embarrassing five-over-par 41 on the back nine. "I didn't think I played bad enough to shoot a 41 on the back nine, but who knows, maybe I'll shoot a 31 next year and win."

Glasson had his own problems after three birdies and no bogeys through the first eight holes. He bogeyed the ninth, 11th and 13th holes before pulling back a stroke with a 12-foot birdie putt on 16 to lose it with yet another bogey on 17.

Couples came on strong toward the end to challenge Glasson. Despite a double bogey on the fourth hole, couples had the steadiest round of the leaders with a four-under-par 68. He shot six birdies and finished alone in second place at 12-under 276.

**King scores two-shot victory in Kemper Open**

KAUAI, Hawaii, Feb 27. (Reuter): Defending champion Betsy King shot a final round of five-under-par 67 to win the \$400,000 Women's Kemper Open golf tournament yesterday for her second victory of the year.

King, who also won the season-opening Jamaica Classic, began the day three strokes behind second round leader Nancy Brown, who was never a factor yesterday. Brown shot a final round five-over 77.

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Geddies made a move with a birdie on the 10th hole to go 4-under, but was never able to catch King, who maintained lead with a birdie on 11.

"I did not hit the ball well at all," said a disappointed Geddies. "I scrambled a little and got a little quick swing."

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